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Today.

(February 28.)

Annual Meeting, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 11.30 a.m.

Racing—Annual Race Meeting (Happy Valley), 1.30 p.m.

Cricket—Division I: University C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.I. Division II: Indian R.C. v. Kowloon I.C.), Hong Kong C.C. v. Royal Engineers (L.I. Division II: Police (F.C.))

Football—First Division: R.C. v. Police, Kowloon v. South China, Chinese v. Borderers, Argyle v. Navy, Club v. St. Joseph's, Second Division: Borderers v. Navy, Chinese v. St. Joseph's, South China v. Royal Artillery, Argyle v. Club, Kowloon v. University, Eastern v. R.C.

Hockey—Caird Clark Cup: Kowloon v. Diocesan Girls' School, St. Andrew's Club v. Hong Kong Ladies.

Annual Concert and Dance, Eliot Hall, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Blackmail."

Star Theatre: "Ben Hur."

World Theatre: "Hung Lin Tai" (part 16 Chinese picture).

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

European Mail—Outward: Europe via Suez (Malwa), 10.30 a.m., Europe via Siberia (Zosma), 4 p.m.

Sunday.

(March 1.)

Special Service St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m. "The Rite of Confirmation," Bishop of Victoria.

6.30 p.m. "Are Betting and Gambling Christian?"—Rev. H. V. Koop.

Queen's Theatre: "Let Us Be Gay."

Star Theatre: "The Show."

Tea Dances: Reputable Bay Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

European Mail—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Tjikarap), 5 p.m.

Monday.

(March 2.)

Bank Holiday.

Racing—Annual Race Meeting (Happy Valley), 11.30 a.m.

Pencing—Hong Kong Fencing Club Meet, 5.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Let Us Be Gay."

World Theatre: "Exalted Flap."

Star Theatre: "The Show."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

European Mail—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Pres. Lincoln), 5 p.m.

Tuesday.

(March 3.)

Racing—Annual Race Meeting (Happy Valley).

Cricket—Kowloon C.C. v. Volunteers, 2 p.m.

Pencing—Hong Kong Fencing Club Meet, 5.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Let Us Be Gay."

HOW CHEVALIER ROSE TO FAME.

SOME EARLY STRUGGLES IN PARIS.

THE ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT WINS THROUGH.

Maurice Chevalier gave the following account of his early life and struggles, in the course of a recent interview. Speaking of his first home in a Paris suburb he said:—

To a taxi-driver in Cannes I said: "I wish to go to the home of M. Maurice Chevalier at La Bocca. Do you know it?"

At first he did not answer. Instead, he turned to a friend who was lounging near by and remarked in tones of gentle satire: "Ecrivez-le donc! Monsieur is asking whether one knows the home of Maurice Chevalier!"

They both laughed sympathetically. Then, as he held wide the door of his vehicle for me to climb in, the taxi-driver explained: "Pardon—but it is as though one approached Monsieur in the streets of London to inquire the address of the King of England!"

So we drove, along a winding, palm-fringed road to the drowsy village of La Bocca, and beyond. A narrow turning off the main road brought us to the secluded villa with sky-blue shutters, and that was the home of M. Maurice Chevalier.

Five minutes later, when my visiting-card and I had been grimly inspected by a middle-aged French servant, Chevalier himself was telling me about the first home he ever knew, in the grey Paris suburb of Montmartre.

In a Paris Suburb.

"Have you ever been in Montmartre?" Maurice began. "I suppose not. Well, it is just a plain working-class district of Paris, and ours was a working-class home. We lived, in fact, in two rooms."

Father was a house painter. I was the ninth of his ten children. To-day but three of us remain. "Life was hard enough in Montmartre, but it had compensations. One of these was the Palais de Travail, a workpeople's music-hall, to which my mother took me regularly."

"Now, there were many splendid artists appearing in the programmes at that music-hall, and they sang some splendid old songs. The audiences, always high-spirited, were lavish with their applause, and nobody shouted more frantically for an encore than I."

"Automatically, I memorised one or two of the most popular songs. And, with a boy's natural desire to imitate—I was six years old when mother first took me to the Palais—I soon began to imagine myself singing them."

It was not long before Maurice sang his first song in public. Alas! the time and place were ill-chosen. At school, during the arithmetic lesson, he scrambled on to a desk and piped out the beginning of a favourite comic chorus. His teacher, who was not a music-hall habitué, expelled him from the class.

Georgette.

"A terrible blow fell upon our family when I was eleven years old," said Maurice, "for then my father died. I had to find work, to earn what little I could. My first job was that of an apprentice carpenter."

His first job—for he had many jobs in quick succession. Maurice was full of mischief and humour, a playboy of Paris. Employers found him well, over-exuberant. Take, for example, the respectable proprietor of the paint shop to which Maurice became attached after failing in turn as carpenter, electrician, and printer's devil.

One day, when approaching his premises, the tradesman heard a shrill young voice raised in a sentimental ditty. The singer was Maurice. Smiling and gesticulating as he sang, he stood among the paint pots facing a blushing blonde aged teen, named Georgette.

It was Chevalier's first love-song. Backed on the spot, he left heaving, his arm linked with Georgette's.

Not a Model Apprentice.

A doll factory engaged him. He was supposed to paint schoolgirl complexions on the faces of dolls. "Just a delicate touch of colour," advised the foreman. "Don't overdo it."

At first Maurice worked well, decorating each pale porcelain cheek with the authentic bloom. Then, in an experimental moment, he painted a doll to resemble a theatrical puppet, with glaring dabs of crimson.

The foreman saw it, and disapproved. He remembered that in more ways than one this young Chevalier had not been an ideal employee: for example, he had a habit of turning up in the mornings with a black eye, sometimes two. Maurice was interested in boxing. "You are dismissed," said the foreman.

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HOW CHEVALIER ROSE TO FAME.

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Crowned and Uncrowned Kings.
I wondered what the foreman of the doll factory, the owner of the paint shop, the teacher of arithmetic and others of the luckless line who tried to make a humdrum citizen out of Maurice Chevalier would have thought if they had been with us during this talk in the drawing-room of his Mediterranean villa.

It was a big, lofty room, beautifully furnished. Facing me was a vast open fireplace, at either side of which a bright blue woollen monkey was posed as if scrambling towards the mantelpiece.

Two photographs, both signed with an inscription to Maurice, caught my eye.

One was of the King of Spain. The other seemed at once strange and familiar. A boyish, sensitive face looked out wistfully from the frame. It was Charles Chaplin's face, minus the "property" moustache.

Maurice, comfortable in an armchair, wore a blue sweater and flannels. I had liked him instantly. Stars of the screen and stage are not always easy to like. Neither, as a rule, is their conversation interesting. But Chevalier, as he talked modestly and frankly of the days when nobody, least of all himself, dreamed that he would become the best-loved living Frenchman, gripped me more than a dozen novels.

Outside, beyond the fields, the Mediterranean sparkled in warm sunlight, yet our thoughts were in the little home at Moulinsart, where a poor widow battled to feed and clothe her children.

The Call of the Style.

"Do not think that I enjoyed losing jobs as a boy," Maurice went on. "I wanted more than anything to settle down, but I had ideas of my own about the kind of work to which I was suited."

"A desire to go on the stage had steadily grown in me. At that time my ambition was to be an acrobat, and I put in a lot of practice in the backyard."

"Mother was sympathetic when I mentioned, as I often did, the subject of the stage. She was always wonderful to me; she could never say 'No' to any wish of mine."

"But the elder of my two brothers, who was in a banking house, thought differently. Stage work, he used to say, was a job for lazy men. Why couldn't I be sensible and go into business as he had done?"

Maurice knew himself better than that. In odd moments he continued to sing, with appropriate expression and gesture, the songs of his idols, the artists at the Palais de Travail.

And when each day's nail-making was done he accompanied his brother Paul to a gymnasium, where he devoted himself very earnestly to the higher acrobatics, performing miracles on the trapeze and the flying rings.

One evening, while practising on the flying rings, Maurice fell. He was carried home with a broken ankle and a badly damaged face. For once his mother spoke severely. "No more acrobatics for you, my son," she announced.

Maurice obeyed. He deserted the gymnasium. He was far from beaten, though. Acrobats do not monopolise the music-halls. Why not be a singer? So Chevalier, still a child of thirteen years, devoted himself rigorously to learning comic songs and the art of "putting them over."

WOMAN CHINESE SCHOLAR.

LONDON UNIVERSITY
HONOUR.

For the first time in history an English University has conferred upon a woman the degree of Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) in Oriental Languages (Chinese).

It has been announced that the University of London has conferred the degree on Miss Evangeline D. Edwards.

Miss Edwards, who for the past ten years has been a teacher at the School of Oriental Studies, London, was previously for six years a teacher in China.

"I learned Chinese in Manchuria," she told a reporter.

Easy to Learn to Speak.

"An old Chinese sat on one side of a table and I sat on the other. The Chinese could understand no English and I know no Chinese, but somehow we made each other understand, and in a few months I could speak the language."

"Any average person could learn to speak Chinese in six months, but it is much harder to read or write, because there are 40,000 characters."

To obtain her degree Miss Edwards had to write a thesis on the Tang period (800 A.D.) in China's greatest literary period.

THE BLACKHEATH MURDER MYSTERY.

DEAD GIRL'S PHOTOGRAPH
SHOWN AT CINEMAS.

Home papers continue to give every available scrap of information about the Blackheath murder mystery. According to the *News Chronicle* for the first time in the history of crime in this country the cinema was used by the police to broadcast a photograph.

This new development in criminal investigation followed upon a suggestion made in the *News Chronicle* that a reconstructed full-length photograph of Miss Louisa Steele, the 18-year-old victim of the Blackheath murder, should be broadcast with a request for news of her movements on the night of the crime.

Scotland Yard made a number of lantern slides showing the reconstructed photograph.

These slides were issued to all cinemas in the Blackheath and Greenwich districts, and were shown on the screens with a request that any person who had information of Miss Steele's movements should come forward.

Loitering Man.

In connection with the search a fresh appeal was issued by Scotland Yard.

"Between 6.30 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. on January 22 (the night of the crime) two females were attacked in Manor Park, Lee S.E., and Granville Park, Lewisham. Will any person who was in either road or witnessed either attack, or who saw any suspicious person loitering there, kindly communicate at once with the nearest police station?"

"The police are also anxious to interview any person who saw a man loitering upon the common near any of the omnibus routes across Blackheath Common between 7.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Thursday last."

"Therefore will any person who can assist the police communicate with us at once?"

The Big Three.

Dramatic developments were foreshadowed by the presence at Blackheath, of three of the Big Five of Scotland Yard. They were Superintendent Cooper, Superintendent Brown, and Superintendent Savage.

This is the first time I have known three of the Big Five to be engaged together in a case in an outlying suburb, writes the *News Chronicle* special correspondent.

The police have taken 200 statements and have travelled many miles, but there is still no clue as to the identity of Miss Steele's assailant.

The police have a description of a man of powerful build, about 30, and wearing heavy boots, who is believed to have molested women on the heath. They are anxious to interview "the man with the twisted lip," who was seen on Blackheath accompanied by a crying girl.

Whistle for Women.

The suggestion that women and girls walking alone should carry whistles was made by Miss L. Wikie, head of the Y.W.C.A. Club on Blackheath.

A suggestion that there should be women police patrols on Blackheath was made by Mrs. Ivy Cameron, a member of the Lewisham Women Citizens' Association.

Riddle of the Ponds.

Does one of the five ponds within a few minutes' walk of where Miss Steele's body was found hold the key to the mystery writes country a Criminologist.

The suggestion that the murderer may have discarded his weapon (if any) or the missing undergarments of the dead girl by flinging them into a pond, was made, and Scotland Yard officers are considering the matter.

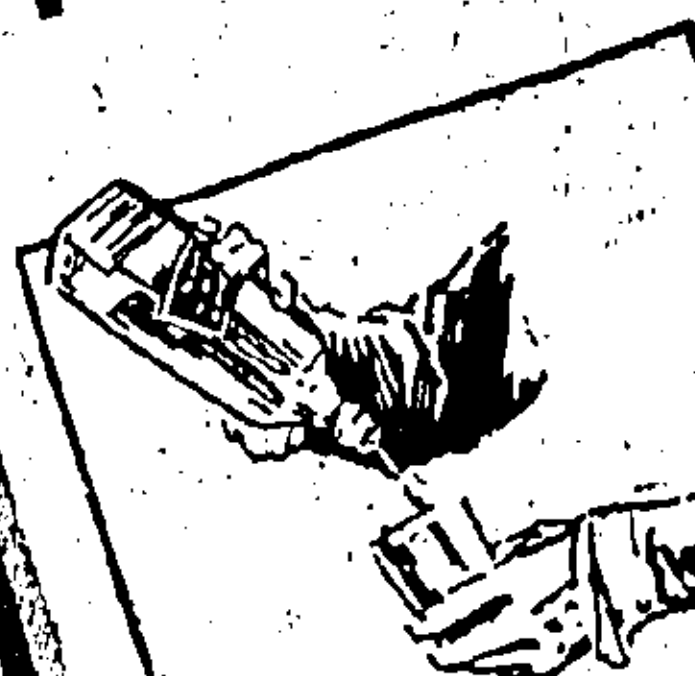
A theory which I understand is being considered is that the man responsible may possibly have committed suicide—perhaps even in one of the ponds. If the ponds should yield a body the mystery might be solved.

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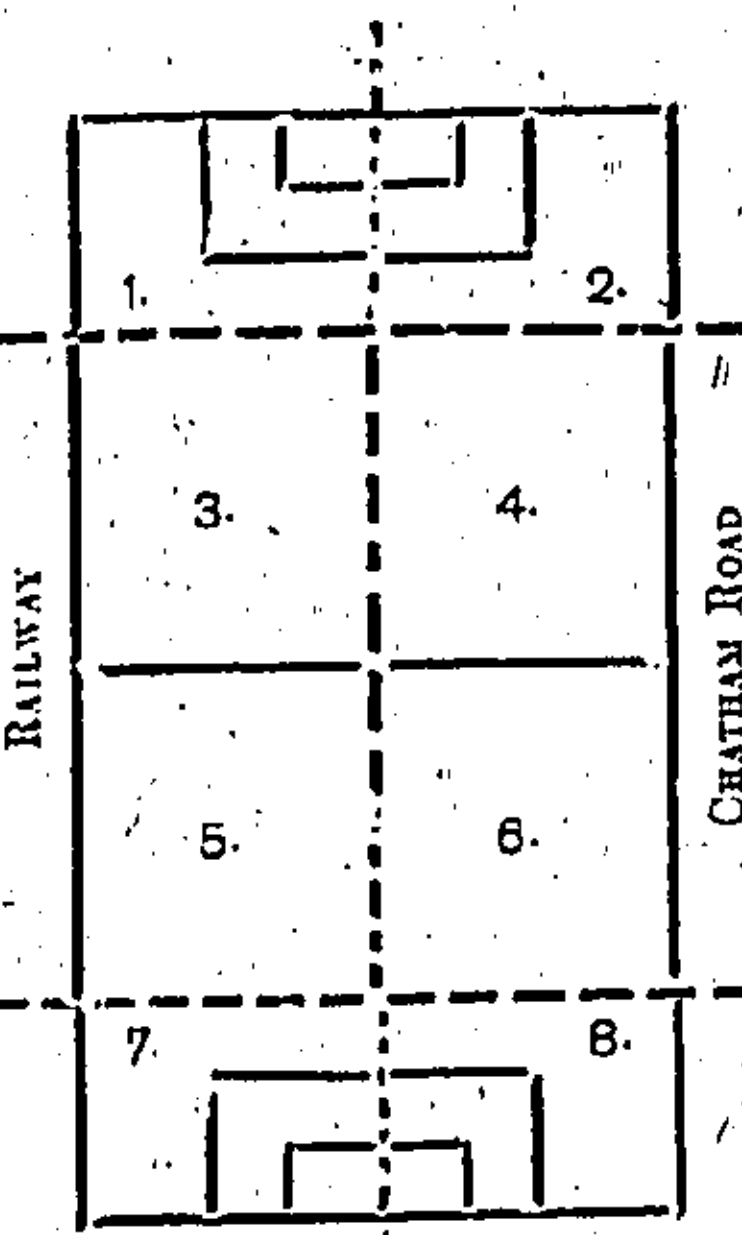
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Wedding"—John J. Kimmel.
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Life"—Lewis James (Tenor).
Chorus—"Watermelon"—Utica
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Joseph O'Donnell and Nancy
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row"—The Carter Family.
Chorus—"Goin' Home"—Ever-
ready Hour Group.
Chorus—"Down South"—Ever-
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Frank Crumit.
Chorus—"Deep Night"—The
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"Valse—Serenade" (Technikow-
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"Dance Orientale" (Glazounow).
—Philadelphia Symphony Orch.
"March of the Cossack Chief"
(Ippolitow-Iwanow).—Philadel-
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8.48 to 9.20 p.m.—

Concert Items.

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time,
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Song—"Sunshine Song" (Grog).
—Lucy Isabelle Marsh (So-
prano).
Song—"My Lovely Celia"
(Alano, arr. Wilson).—Reinold
Worrenrath (Baritone).
Violin Solo—"Dance of the
Marionette" (Winteritz).—
Fritz Kreisler.
Violin Solo—"Polichinelle Sere-
nade" (Kreisler).—Fritz Kreis-
ler.
Song—"Old Folks at Home."
—Alma Gluck (Soprano).
Song—"Serenade"—Barbara
Donnelly and Sigmund Rom-
berg. Richard Crooks (Tenor).
String Bass Solo—"Valse Minia-
ture." (Koussevitzky).—Serge
Koussevitzky.

String Bass Solo—"Minuet in
G" (Beethoven).—Serge Kousse-
vitzky.
9.20 to 9.30 p.m.—

Operatic.

"Sanson and Delilah—Bacchan-
als" (Saint Sacme).—Philadel-
phia symphony Orch.
"Pugliacci—Chorus of the Bella-
Canto On" (Leoncavallo).—
Metropolitan Opera Chorus.
"Trovatore—Tremble Ye Tyrants"
(Verdi).—Enrico Caruso
(Tenor).
9.20 to 11.30 p.m.—Dance pro-
gramme.
11.30 p.m.—Close down.

SUNDAY.

10 to 11 a.m.—St. Joseph's Church;
Morning Service—Sermon:
"The Spirit of Lent," by Rev.
G. W. Gallagher.
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Chinese pro-
gramme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local
time, etc.
2 p.m.—Close down.
8 to 10 p.m.—European programme
of H.M.V. and Victor records
supplied by Messrs. Moutrie &
Co.
8 to 8.12 p.m.—

Instrumental Music.

Introduction and Allegro for harp
with strings and woodwind
accompaniment (Ravel).—Vir-
tuoso String Quartette.
8.12 to 8.37 p.m.—

Choral Music.

"Elijah" (Mendelssohn).—Royal
Choral Society accompanied by
the New Symphony Orchestra
(recorded during the actual
performance at the Royal Al-
bert Hall).
8.37 to 9 p.m.—

Organ Solos.

"Storm" (Meale).—Arthur Meale.
(a) "Morning Dew." (b) "The
Old Oak Tree" (Power).—
Arthur Meale.
"March of the Theme of Handel"
(Guilmant).—Arthur Meale.
"The Pilgrim's Song of Hope"
(Batiste).—Arthur Meale.
9 p.m.—Weather report, local time,
etc.
9.05 to 9.20 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"Dohnanyi's Suite" played by the
Chicago Symphony Orch.
9.20 to 9.35 p.m.—
"Quintette in A Minor" (Schu-
mann).—Florenzale Quartette.
9.35 to 10 p.m.—
"Brigg Fair" (arr. Grainger).—
Orana Madrigal Society.
10 p.m.—Close down.

MARIA GOMES.

AN ENJOYABLE CONCERT AT
HELENA MAY.

It is a pity that Hong Kong could
not have given a warmer welcome
to our charming visitor as Maria
Gomes. There were only 28 people
all told in the Helena May, to hear
her sing yesterday.
Miss Gomes has a pretty voice
with a very pure note. One misses
somewhat the fullness and soundness
of tone which an operatic training
generally gives, but if something was
lacking in the full power of her
voice it is hardly to be wondered
at in the face of the very poor
audience she had.

She rendered the group of three
Portuguese songs very well, bring-
ing out the subtle inflections with
skill and a nice sense of tonal pro-
portion. It was in the two operatic
airs, however, that she seemed
really to find her voice most effec-
tively. The "Jewel Song," after
a hesitating beginning, was very
well sung and gained her a hearty
burst of applause.
The little English song, "No,
Sir," was given with a sprightliness
and humour which made it one of
the best items of a very enjoyable
programme.

PO-HING THEATRE
ATTACHMENT.COURT MAKES ORDER FOR
RESTITUTION.PLAINTIFF DESCRIBED AS
MAN OF STRAW.

A writ issued against the pro-
prietor of the Po Hing Theatre,
with an attachment on the property
made two years ago, was mention-
ed at the Supreme Court yesterday
before the acting Chief Justice (Mr.
Justice Wood), when an applica-
tion was made on behalf of the
defendant.

Li Wan-fong, of 3, Queen's Street,
the plaintiff, originally claimed
\$23,333.00, being balance due for
work done and materials supplied
to the Po Hing Theatre, from the
defendant, Chan Wai, of 27, Pot-
tinger Street. With the issue of the
writ the plaintiff also obtained an
ex parte writ of attachment on the
building, which is the property of
defendant.

The matter came for investigation
before the Registrar of the Supreme
Court, who, after sitting for thir-
teen days, found that instead of
any money being owing to the
plaintiff a sum of \$1,453.64 was due
to the defendant. Defendant, there-
fore, asked for confirmation of this
finding by the Court and an order
for compensation in respect of the
attachment.

Mr. Sheldon's Application.
The present proceedings plain-
tiff did not put in an appearance,
and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed
by Messrs. Deacons, for the de-
fendant, moved that the report of
the Registrar dated February 2,
1931, be adopted and carried into
effect; that judgment be entered for
defendant in the sum of \$1,453.64
with costs; and that the prohibition
order for attachment made on
February 22, 1929, be discharged.
Mr. Sheldon said that the plain-
tiff was a man of straw and there
was no chance of getting any
money out of him. He (plaintiff)
(Continued on next Column.)

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ANOTHER RUBBER
SUBSTITUTE.WILD PLANT IN PHILIPPINE
ISLANDS HAS POSSIBILITIES

Manila.—Another source of rub-
ber supply that may serve to less-
en the fear of a possible world
shortage of this commodity was
recently discovered here.

A certain species of the "balete," a
wild plant that thrives abundantly
throughout the Philippines, was
found to possess properties of rub-
ber. The discovery was made after
a long research work by Doctor
Joaquin Maranon of the Insular
bureau of science, and by Jose
Santos and Pacific Cabato of the
University of the Philippines.

Laboratory investigations con-
ducted to test the possibilities of
producing rubber from the sap of
the plant revealed that about one-
eighth of the balete species pos-
sessed the genuine properties of rub-
ber.

The discovery is regarded signifi-
cant inasmuch as it may be de-
veloped to contribute to the econ-
omic development of the Islands and
to the progress of the world rub-
ber industry.

started the action in rather peculiar
circumstances and at the same time
obtained an ex parte order for at-
tachment of the Po Hing Theatre
on the ground that defendant owed
him a sum of \$23,000. This was not
admitted, stated when the Registrar
investigated the matter on an order
of the Court and his certificate
showed that a sum of money was
due to the defendant by plaintiff.
Counsel continued that the ob-
taining of an attachment of the Po
Hing Theatre was a serious matter
for the defendant, who was prob-
ably for the use of his property
for two years, or for mortgaging it.
Further, \$31,000 typhoon damage
had been done to the building dur-
ing the attachment.

His Lordship made an order in
terms of the motion, and also an
order for \$500 compensation, with
costs.

THE SILVER SCREEN.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"LET US BE GAY."

Along with the slogan of "keep
that school girl complexion"
should be a reminder to "retain
that youthfully slender silhouette."
Those who have neglected this item
can vouch for how "awfully sim-
ple" it was to lose the slender
contours and how "simply awful"
it is to try to regain that former
slenderness.

There are a few who have kept
silent vigilance over this creeping
avoidance who aren't too selfish
to reveal their method, among them
being Norma Shearer, Metro-
Goldwyn-Mayer star, whose latest
picture, "Let Us Be Gay," will be
shown at the Queen's Theatre to-
morrow.

Diligence and self-discipline are
her two bywords when it pertains
to figurative things. Diligence in
exercising and self-discipline when
it comes to eating.

A set of exercises that she has
found affects every part of the body
starts with the hands against the
wall, pushing the body forward
until the chin also rests against the
wall. This keeps the arms firm and
at the same time throws the chest
out. Bending the body with the
arms swinging from above the head
to the floor keeps one lithe. An-
other body straightener is found in
touching the fingers to the shoulders
and out at the sides. This also lifts
the whole figure in an upstanding
line.

Motions that slenderize the hips
and legs are obtained by standing
before a chair and kicking first one
leg and then the other over the
back, keeping the knees straight.
Swinging the legs back and forth
while holding on to some object for
balance also keeps one youthful.
The importance of all these motions,
however, is in continuing them
until they become a habit in place
of just following them spasmo-
dically.

Appearing with Miss Shearer are
Rod La Rocque, Marie Dressler,
Gilbert Emery, Hedda Hopper,
Raymond Hackett, Sally Evers,
Tyrell Davis, Wilfred Noy, Wil-
liam O'Brien and Sybil Grove.

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"TRUE TO THE NAVY."

Seven leading men support Clara
Bow in her latest talking picture,
"True to the Navy." Freddie
March heads the group of roman-
tically-inclined sailors who pursue
the lively redhead afloat and ashore.
"True to the Navy," is showing at
the Central Theatre for the next
time to-day.

March was Miss Bow's favourite
in "The Wild Party." His rivals
in "True to the Navy" include
Eddie Dunn, Rex Bell, Eddie
Cochran, Henry Sawyer, Ray
Cooke and Charles Sullivan. Dunn
has appeared in two previous Bow
pictures, "The Pic's In" and
"The Saturday Night Kid." All
the members of the sextette have
won screen recognition in romantic
and comedy roles.

"KING OF JAZZ."

"King of Jazz," the Universal
musical extravaganza starring Paul
Whiteman and his famous orchestra
will be the offering of the Central
Theatre, starting on Sunday.

"King of Jazz" brings to the
all-talking, all-singing, all-dancing
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the most colourful sound produc-
tions so far envisioned by any film
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taining revue ever presented on
either stage or screen, a veritable
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with celebrated stage and vaude-
ville headliners and great stars of
the studios.

The picture, consisting of eight
stupendous musical spectacles, be-
tween which are interspersed in-
numerable specialties and comedy
acts, dramatic skits and blockouts,
is filmed entirely in Technicolor.
Besides Paul Whiteman and his
band, "King of Jazz" presents an
array of stars hitherto unapproach-
ed in a single picture. Laura La
Plante, John Boles, the sensation of
the singing screen; Jeanette Loff,
Stanley Smith, the famous Russel
Market dancer; Grace Hayes, Billy
Kent, Charles Irwin, Paul Howard,
Al Norma, Tommy Atkins, exotico
and Nell O'Day, all headliners of
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COMPETITION IN ROAD TRANSPORT.

TRAMWAYS CO.'S PROFITS ON TRAMS: LOSSES ON BUSES.

OVER 29,000,000 PERSONS CARRIED ON TRAMS LAST YEAR.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Tramways, Limited, was held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., when Mr. A. B. Stewart, who presided, gave a favourable review of the Company's tram services during the year. He had, however, to report a bad year for the bus services operated in Hong Kong and in the mainland.

The losses in the Kowloon services totalled some \$47,000 whilst the year's working showed a balance on the wrong side as far as the Hong Kong buses were concerned. The chairman attributed this to the greatly increased prices of petrol and tyres, augmented by the tax on the former commodity, the seating-tax, and also the unfavourable rate of exchange.

UNIFIED CONTROL URGED FOR THE KOWLOON SERVICES.

Mr. Stewart continued that he was of the opinion that it would never be economical or profitable to run buses alongside of the Company's trams. As for Kowloon, the position was confusing, with so many companies in competition. He stressed the point that the time had come for a system of unified control, together with the grant of a franchise of not less than twenty years, the grantees to have the option of running either trolley vehicles or Diesel-engine buses, or both, if necessary, in conjunction with petrol buses.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, the Chairman said:—

The report of the Directors and the statement of accounts for the year 1930 having been in your possession for more than a week I will, with your permission, take them as read.

In the Chairman's speech last year you were told that receipts were less than in the previous year by nearly three lakhs. On this occasion I can send a more cheerful note. Not only are the traffic receipts up by over a lakh but, in spite of the serious decline in the value of the dollar, the gross working profit is up by nearly \$28,000. The number of miles run—3,029,293—was the greatest in the history of the company and the passengers carried (approximately 29,000,000) show an increase of about two millions on the previous year.

From the foregoing, it may reasonably be presumed that the year under review has witnessed a distinct turn of the tide and that those "adverse factors" referred to last year by my predecessor in this chair have largely disappeared.

In the opinion of your Board the factors contributing most substantially towards these improved prospects are:—

- The big work of fitting saloon top covers to all trams has now been completed.
- The reconstruction of the track between Arsenal Street and Causeway Bay has also been completed.
- So much of the old obsolete single track on the Shaikwan section has been doubled that little more than a mile of single track remains. This enables us to operate a 4-minute service on this route—a service which was physically impossible under the old track conditions, and
- The new township which is rapidly appearing on the Praya East Reclamation.

At this stage it is perhaps not out of place to quote from the annual report of the General Manager where he says:—"During my recent leave I inspected a number of city transport systems in Canada and England in addition to visiting New York, Berlin and Cologne, and I am happy to say that the Hong Kong tramway system compares very favourably with the majority of tramways I saw elsewhere. This particularly applies to the condition of the track and the appearance of the rolling stock."

Loss on Buses.

As regards the operation of your company's motor-buses, however, the report I have to make is not a favourable one.

After providing for depreciation, your motor-buses last year were run at a loss of \$21,605. As is well-known, these are run in direct competition with our tram-cars.

There is a parallel case in the much larger city of Liverpool where the corporation is reported to have lost \$26,000.00 on the operation of its motor-buses last year. The following extract from the *Tramway and Railway World* of November 1 is an interesting commentary on the position:—

"Sir Thomas White declared that the tramways manager had not advocated the purchase of omnibuses, which certain speakers had condemned; he had been overruled. It could not be too strongly insisted that omnibuses could never be made to pay while tramways were run at the present low fares, and no one had the temerity to propose an increase in tramway fares. In the course of a long discussion, Mr. F. C. Wilson, Chairman of the Tramways Committee, quoted figures showing that omnibus fares in Liverpool were lower than in Merseyside and other boroughs and yet those other boroughs could not make their omnibuses pay. Omnibuses when against tramways, would always be run at a loss. Mr. Wilson cited a list of charges that had to be set against the revenue from omnibuses and concluded with an allusion to those 'bus engineers' who are trying to 'kid us' that they can run buses at a profit."

Cannot be Run at a Profit.

Apart from the above I have no particular knowledge of Liverpool but I do know that with the present cost of tyres, petrol, etc., we cannot in Hong Kong, run buses at a profit along our tramway routes.

In the speech from this chair last year, Mr. Heith said:—

"When I tell you it is estimated that had the 27,000,000 passengers which our tramcars carried last year been carried, at the same fares, by motor-buses instead of tramcars, not only should we not have had over seven lakhs profit but we should not have made sufficient profit to pay any dividend at all."

I should like to amplify that statement and say that to contemplate the substitution of tramcars by motor-buses in Hong Kong would be to betray not only the shareholders of the Company but also those passengers who, between them, had more than 2,000,000 rides last year at only 5 cents per trip and who are probably unable to pay a higher fare.

That is my answer to the Royal Commission on Transport when they say that:—"Tramways if not an obsolete form of transport are at all events in a state of obsolescence."

Advantages of Trams.

It is true that they also say:—"We are well aware that tramcars still possess certain advantages over alternative forms of road passenger transport. The tractive effort of the tramcar is lower than in the case of vehicles propelled by internal-combustion engines; they are comparatively easy to drive, and hence to control; and their high standard of acceleration and deceleration makes possible a good average speed. Electrically propelled tramcars employ energy which is obtained from home-produced fuel (an advantage which they share with the railless trolley vehicle), whereas motor omnibuses consume fuel most of which has been imported."

Provided that the vehicles and the permanent way are maintained in good condition, tramcars can be less noisy than motor omnibuses (though on the other hand the noise emanating from a badly maintained system can be almost intolerable), and there are no offensive fumes. Contact between the smooth steel wheel and rail, and the absence of gear-churning, tend to eliminate the vibration and jerkiness to which motor omnibuses are subject. Tramcars are less liable to mechanical failures, though when a failure does occur many cars on the track may be affected, whilst an interruption of the power supply may disorganise the whole system. The average seating capacity of tramcars is sixty-one,

while on the larger systems the seating capacity is about seventy-eight. In addition, they can carry a considerable proportion of standing passengers, and consequently are very useful at "rush hours," though recent developments in the seating capacity of omnibuses tend to equalise conditions in this respect."

More Trams for London.

The Commission does not, however, deal with the economics of road transport and the necessity of the lowest possible fares in large industrial towns. If the Commission had said that tramways must give way to other forms of transport in towns of poor or over-mediocre traffic density one could have understood it, but when I tell you that within the last 6 or 8 months orders have been placed for 300 tramcars for the London area alone at a total cost of \$240,000.00, and that 100 of these tramcars are for the group of tramway companies controlled by Lord Ashfield who is chairman of the London General Omnibus Company, you will realise that the Royal Commission on Transport has slipped up.

One other reference, Mr. J. G. B. Stone, chairman of the Calcutta Tramways Company, in delivering his speech at the last annual general meeting in London, said:—

"The suggestion that tramway systems are obsolete and should be replaced by omnibuses has been assiduously fostered, but it seems evident that if such substitution is made the poorer classes will have to pay more for their travel, and ratepayers generally will have to bear increased charges for the maintenance of their roads. In Calcutta only a small portion of the people can afford to ride at all, and for them the cheapest form of transport is essential."

Kai Tak Buses.

At this meeting I have also to refer to the affairs of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co. (1929) Ltd. As in the case of your motor-buses on this side of the harbour I have to report losses. We have now completed two years operation of this subsidiary in Kowloon and I regret to say that for various reasons which could hardly have been foreseen at the time it was made, this investment has not turned out as successfully as we hoped.

For the year under review, after providing for depreciation, the Kai Tak Company has made a loss on working of \$47,894.00.

During the year two new taxes were imposed upon us; firstly, the seating tax of \$10.00 per seat per annum which amounts for \$5,500.00 annually, and secondly, the petrol tax of 15 cents per gallon which—on the 1930 consumption at Kai Tak—represents \$15,000.00 per annum.

Serious though these items are to a small business, the consequence of the drop in the value of the local dollar are much more serious. To take one item; tyres for the whole of 1929 cost less than tyres during the 4 months August-December 1930.

Fall in the Dollar.

Although the reign of petrol would now appear to be challenged by the advent of the Diesel or compression ignition engine using crude oil, the fact remains that even with buses fitted with Diesel engines a considerable annual deficit could not be avoided on the Kai Tak system while the dollar remains anywhere near its present level and while the prevailing competition continues.

Mr. Herbert Morrison P.C., M.P. (Minister of Transport) in a recent speech said:—

In the 19th century they were told that free competition in road transport was the great thing, and that it would provide cheapness and efficiency. There was practically no business man of repute who to-day would say that that was a sound commercial doctrine.

"Competition in road transport meant that timetables were unrelated and that there was lack of contact between different forms of transport, which meant empty seats. People appreciated empty seats, but these were the economics not of wisdom but of feeling. The empty seat had to be paid for, either by capital, in the shape of bad services, bad vehicles, and bankruptcy, or by the passengers in needlessly high fares for those who did travel, uncomfortable and unsafe vehicles, inefficient services, and a poor quality of transport work."

One almost feels that Mr. Morrison must have had Kowloon in his mind when he used those words.

Unification by Control.

Your Board is convinced that the only solution of the Kowloon road transport problem lies:—

- (a) in the substitution of unified control and single management for the existing reckless competition and duplication of services, and
- (b) in a franchise of not less than 20 years with the option—at the absolute discretion of the operating company—of employing either trolley vehicles or Diesel-engine buses or both in lieu of or in addition to ordinary petrol vehicles.

It will be recalled that at the date of the annual meeting last year reference was made to the commencement of certain negotiations with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., in regard to its motor-bus and garage services. The abortive results of those negotiations were conveyed to you fully at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 7th May last and in the private report of that meeting subsequently circulated to all shareholders of the company.

Turning to the statement of the year's accounts now before you, I have already remarked upon the gratifying increase of \$103,939.00 in traffic revenue. Working expenses have also risen but to an extent that is only a fraction more than 10 per cent. over last year and, in view of general conditions arising from the seriously adverse exchange obtaining throughout the year, such rising costs have been inevitable and the measure of the increase as shown may be viewed as by no means disproportionate to the circumstances.

The depreciation charge has also accounted for a sum of \$19,575 more than the previous year.

Seven Lakhs Profit.

After providing for royalty and including the return from interest and investment sources, etc., and this particular account is an inclusive item after setting-off the net result of the Tramways Motor-bus working—the net profit for the year amounts to \$741,285.83 which is \$9,538.10 greater than for the year 1929.

\$89,000 has been written-off from goodwill and construction expenses as before and the further item of \$150,000 also written-off represents, in the opinion of your Board, a reasonable provision that must be made against a revaluation of the Kai Tak Motor-bus investment in the light of what I have already said in that regard and the losses being incurred by that company and the fact that these losses are financed by the Tramway Company.

The sum of \$200,000 has been applied in the interim dividend already paid and your Directors now recommend the declaration of a final dividend of 40 cents per share making a total of 80 cents per share for the year.

This will absorb a further \$250,000 and leaves, after including \$250,552.75 brought in from the last account, \$262,948.40 to be carried forward.

I think there is only one other item in these accounts calling for separate explanation. An addition of \$83,539.10 appears to the asset "Other Property" in the balance sheet. This is in respect of a purchase of land in Kowloon carried through during the year and there is every prospect that such an investment will prove to be a profitable one.

I now have to propose:—

"That the report of the Directors and statement of accounts as presented for the year ended 31st December, 1930, be adopted and that a final dividend of 40 cents per share for the year 1930 be hereby sanctioned."

When the adoption of the resolution has been seconded I shall be pleased to reply to any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

MR. T. E. PEARCE.

In rising to second the resolution, Mr. T. E. Pearce said:—

I feel sure shareholders present to-day have listened to, and many others will read later, your remarks, Mr. Chairman, with much interest and satisfaction.

I do not wish to revive the controversy as to the merits of buses as opposed to trams, but it seems clear from the figures you have produced to-day that the policy of the Board in improving the tracks and the trams themselves has been fully justified.

It must be highly gratifying to the executive of the Company to find that the system was able to cope with such a large number of passengers as 29,000,000 last year, or 2,000,000 more than the one before. With the rapid development in Wanchai and district, the prospects would appear to be bright for a further increase during this 12 months.

Even to the uninitiated it must be obvious that to assist in the development and to maintain the prosperity of any district, it is essential to have cheap and rapid means of transport. I think shareholders will agree with me that our undertaking adequately meets this need, and it is satisfactory to observe the public supports it in increasing numbers.

Bus Company Loses.

It is disappointing to learn that our buses in Hong Kong have been run at a loss, but no doubt the board have decided that it is good policy to run them as an adjunct to our tram business.

It is also most disappointing to learn the Company has made a loss on the Kai Tak Motor Bus venture, and with the increased heavy charges you have spoken of, it does not seem possible that any better result can be looked for at the end of this year.

In view of the increased taxation, higher costs of petrol and rubber tyres, due to the low exchange, one wonders, in spite of the fact that their buses may traverse more populous areas, whether our competitors in Kowloon will be able to show profits, and at the same time provide for depreciation and replacements.

It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, an opportune time for all concerned, property owners as well as bus companies, for a careful survey of the traffic problem in Kowloon to be undertaken, and a scheme evolved whereby there will be less overlapping and unnecessary competition, and, furthermore, a scheme devised for a cheaper and better system of transport to meet the needs of the increasing population of the Peninsula.

With these few remarks, I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

Proposed Increase in Fares.

Captain Rigg rose to enquire why, when the Kowloon Route No. 5 was opened, it could not have been started with a ten cent fare instead of five. There were no cables travelling on the route, so that consideration of the poorer classes did not enter into the matter. As it was, everybody travelled for five cents, when they could pay ten, as on other sections.

In reply, the Chairman said that the Kai Tak Company realised that on the residential Route No. 5 there should be only a ten cent fare for adults. The Police, however, would not sanction this.

The report and accounts were then put to the meeting and were adopted.

Other Business.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. Choa Po-sien were re-elected Directors, on the proposal of Captain Rigg seconded by Mr. Wm. Allen.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors, on the motion of Mr. H. Owen Hughes, seconded by Mr. Chua Seng-choo.

Those Present.

Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Messrs. R. Stok, J. E. Joseph, and Choa Po-sien (Directors), Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy (General Manager), and Mr. W. F. Simmons, F.C.I.S. (Secretary).

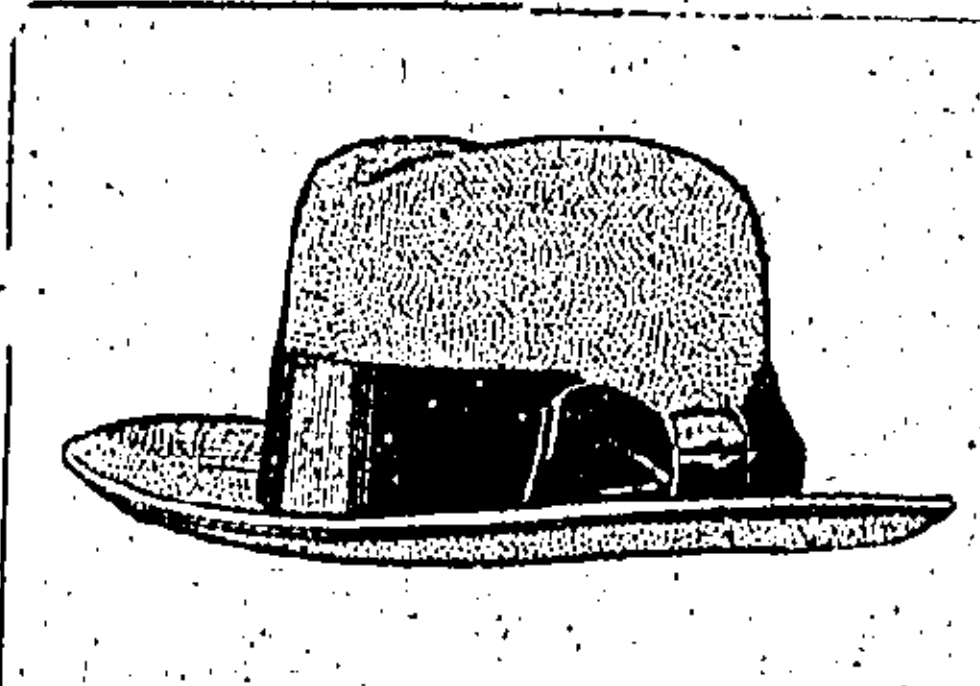
Shareholders present were Captain C. B. Rigg, Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, E. Ezra, Frank Austin, Wm. Allen, J. F. Wright, jun., G. B. Wilson, Leung Wah-ling and Chua Seng chot.

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FOREIGN CABLE
OFFICES AT PEIPING.CHINESE ADMINISTRATION
ASSUME CONTROL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, Feb. 27.
Wu Ying Tung, Director of the Chinese Telegraph Administration in Hopei, on behalf of the Central Government, took over yesterday the Peiping offices of the Eastern Extension and Great Northern Telegraph Companies.
The foreigners employed at the office have been retained, and work hitherto has been proceeding normally.

U.S. CONSULATE-GENERAL
AT NANKING.MR. W. R. PECK APPOINTED
CONSUL-GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Feb. 27.
It is learned from Washington that the American Consulate here is to be raised to the status of a Consulate-General.
The new Consul-General is Mr. Willis Ruggles Peck.
Mr. Peck, who is accompanied by his wife and daughter, is now on his way to China.
Mr. Nelson Johnson arrived yesterday.

SINO-RUSSIAN BORDER
WAR.EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO CIVIL
AND GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

MUKDEN, Feb. 27.
The Mukden Government has issued a report on the extent of damage done to civil and Government property as a result of the Sino-Russian border war last year.
The total loss of Government property in the Kirin and Heilungkiang provinces is estimated at \$5,000,000, and that of civil property about \$21,000,000.

CANTON-KOWLOON
RAILWAY.REVISION OF TRAFFIC
AGREEMENT.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Feb. 27.
In an interview with Pressmen, Chie Pao Chiu, director of the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section), stated today that the negotiations with the British authorities for a revision of the traffic agreement between the Chinese and British sections of the Canton-Kowloon Railway had not been concluded. The Hong Kong Government has not yet having sent a delegation to Canton to continue the negotiations. Apart from this question, however, the Chinese section of the railway would be able to increase the efficiency of the transport service and introduce an additional daily express service from May 1, as the work of replacing the old sleepers is expected to be completed by the end of April.

JAVA SUGAR
EXPORTS.QUOTA UNDER CHAD-
BOURNE PLAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BATAVIA, Feb. 27.
The Government has introduced a Bill for a temporary restriction of sugar exports from April 1 in conformity with the Chadbourne Five-Year Plan, whereby exports for the years 1931-1935 will be 2,500,000, 2,400,000, 2,300,000, 2,200,000 and 2,100,000.
The maximum amount to be exported will be fixed annually for the whole of the Dutch East Indies by Government decree.
Any contravention of the regulations will be punishable by imprisonment for the maximum period of a year or a fine not exceeding 10,000 guilders, while the ships concerned will be liable to confiscation.

CHINA INDEMNITY BILL.

SECOND READING PASSED BY
HOUSE OF LORDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 28.
The House of Lords today passed the second reading of the China Indemnity Bill, as by arrangement there will be no committee or report stage of the Bill, which now awaits its third reading.
Lord Ponsonby paid a tribute to Lord Buxton and his signal services in formulating lines on which various educational objects in China could best be stimulated.

Lord Buxton said that the proposals of the Bill fell short of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, of which he is Chairman, but the Committee cordially agreed to the conclusions reached with the Chinese Government.
Lord Buxton concluded by paying a tribute to his Chinese colleagues on the Advisory Committee.
Lord Ponsonby said that Lord Buxton's endorsement would give a blessing to the measure in China.

OPIUM RAIDS IN NANKING.

SIX HUNDRED SMOKERS
ARRESTED.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

NANKING, Feb. 27.
Over 300 illegal opium dens in Nanking were raided by the police yesterday with the result that about 600 opium smokers and also a large number of keepers were arrested, and are now detained awaiting trial.

KWANGTUNG'S POLITICAL
PROBLEMS.CHEN MING SHU TO VISIT
NANKING.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27.
The Nanking Government has received a message from General Chen Ming Shu, the Civil Governor of Kwangtung, to the effect that as soon as General Chen Tsai Tong returns to Canton he will proceed to the capital with a view to consulting the Central Government regarding some impending political problems of Kwangtung.

LORD IRWIN-GANDHI
"TALKS."FURTHER REFERENCE TO
LONDON NECESSARY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Feb. 27.
The Lord Irwin-Gandhi "talks" were concluded at 6 o'clock. Gandhi said they "may be resumed".
Apparently further reference to London is necessary in view of differences.
The reports of a breakdown in the "talks" is not confirmed.

STABILISATION OF SILVER.

MR. SNOWDEN WILL CONSIDER
PRACTICAL PROPOSALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 28.
In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that if any practical proposals for the stabilisation of silver were submitted by the interests concerned he would carefully consider them, but it seemed to be difficult to deal with silver effectively except as part of the wider problem of price stabilisation generally.

INQUIRY INTO MALTA
SITUATION.NO MORE DEPUTATIONS TO
BE RECEIVED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUHOM, Feb. 26.
Replying for the Prime Minister to a question in the House of Commons on Malta, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, stated that all sections of Maltese opinion would have an opportunity of laying their views before the Royal Commission.
In order to avoid embarrassing the Commission, it was considered desirable that in the meantime members of the Government should refrain from receiving deputations on Maltese questions.

LONDON UNDERGROUND
RAILWAY EXTENSION.TWO YEARS' WORK FOR FOUR
THOUSAND MEN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUHOM, Feb. 26.
The London Underground Railway plans to begin work in the summer on the extension of the Bakerloo Line from the Elephant and Castle to Camberwell Green, a populous South London district.
The present line links Paddington and Waterloo Stations, the main line termini, and on the north runs into the outer suburbs.
The work will provide employment for 4,000 men for two years and will cost nearly £2,000,000.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE
ACT.GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE
AMENDMENT BILL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUHOM, Feb. 26.
The Home Secretary, Mr. J. R. Clynes, announced today that in order to give the House of Commons an early opportunity of pronouncing on the question of Sunday entertainment, the Government would introduce a Bill at an early date.
The Bill will amend the Lord's Day Observance Act of 1781, under which the Sunday opening of cinemas was recently held by the High Court to be illegal, and is expected to give the right to local authorities to decide the kind of Sunday entertainments to be permitted.
It is understood that the Bill will be left to the "free vote" of the House.

AIR SMASH IN BELGIAN
CONGO.PILOT JUMPS FROM MACHINE
TO HIS DEATH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ELIZABETHVILLE (Belgian Congo), Feb. 26.
The weekly mail-plane on its way to Elizabethville from Boma crashed today at Bukana.
The pilot, evidently realising that a crash was inevitable, switched off his engine and jumped to his death. Five passengers, and a mechanic remained in the machine, which continued on its journey.
All the occupants were injured, but they were able to continue their journey in another aeroplane.

AMBASSADORS OF
BRITISH TRADE.PRINCE OF WALES AND
PRINCE GEORGE IN CHILE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

VALPARAISO, Feb. 27.
Reuter's special correspondent with the Prince of Wales and Prince George, emphasises that their Highnesses were largely mingling attention to British commercial interests with the pleasures of lavish hospitality in the course of their stay in Chile.
Their engagements on Thursday included a thorough inspection of the British-American Tobacco Company's factory amid the tremendous joy of hundreds of dusky-eyed work girls, whom the Prince of Wales questioned in Spanish. The Princess were gratified to find that the most important equipment of the factory is British, and expressed their admiration for the provision of a squash racket court for the British employees.

The Prince later visited the Graham Rowe Company, selling agents for many types of British goods.
The Prince of Wales learned that the company by agreements with well-known British firms has established a number of factories in Chile for the manufacture of goods from imported British raw materials, the results of which are reported to be most satisfactory.
His Royal Highness praised "this excellent principle" and said he would do his best to recommend its extension.

The Prince of Wales found time to play a hard game at polo before attending a reception of Chilean business men at the President's Palace, where he discussed a multitude of questions affecting British trade, and he subsequently called on Senor Guevara, Mayor of Valparaiso, where the conversation largely centred on Anglo-Chilean trade.
Under the Australian Constitution Act the Senate can be dissolved in the event of prolonged disagreement with the House of Representatives.
Meanwhile Mr. Scullin is believed to be planning to purge the Cabinet so as to exclude the followers of Mr. Lang on the one hand, and those of Mr. Lyons, a former acting Treasurer, on the other.

AUSTRALIA'S CURRENCY
BILL.SENATE EXPECTED TO
REJECT MEASURE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, Feb. 27.
Mr. E. G. Theodore expects that the Senate will reject the Bill to create a fiduciary currency to meet the emergency and to provide funds for unemployment, which will then be made the issue for the dissolution of both Houses of the Commonwealth.
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LONDON NAVAL
PACT.SPEEDY BRITISH
DIPLOMACY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, Feb. 26.
Optimism prevails in connection with the speedy diplomacy carried on by "Mr. Henderson's travelling conference".
Signor Mussolini, accompanied by Signor Grandi and Admiral Siranni, received Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander in the Palazzo Venezia in the afternoon and discussed the draft naval agreement for an hour.
Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander were smiling when they left, and they arranged a sightseeing tour for tomorrow.
This is indicated as meaning that their work is done, and that the political aspect of the negotiations has been satisfactorily decided.
The technical side still remains, and experts worked furiously all day long and start early tomorrow.

Banquet to British Visitors.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUHOM, Feb. 26.
The naval negotiations continued throughout today in Rome. In the light of their recent Paris "conversations", the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, and the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, discussed the various technical questions involved with Signor Grandi and Admiral Siranni at the Palazzo Chigi for some hours.
In the afternoon the British Ministers discussed the naval accord project for an hour with Signor Mussolini when Signor Grandi and Admiral Siranni were also present.
It is anticipated that the discussion will be continued tomorrow.
To-night Signor Grandi gave a banquet in honour of the British visitors.

SOVIET EXPORTS
GOLD BY THE TON.THIRTY TONS DURING
LAST FEW WEEKS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, Feb. 27.
One hundred cases containing eight tons of Soviet gold arrived here last night from Moscow en route to Berlin, making a total of nearly 30 tons which have passed through during the last few weeks.

MOSCOW TO BECOME AN
INDEPENDENT STATE.PRODUCES TWELVE PER CENT.
OF RUSSIA'S OUTPUT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, Feb. 28.
The Regional Congress has decided to turn Moscow into an independent administrative and economic unit, with a separate budget and a separate Executive Committee.
The decision has been taken on the ground that the population of the city is over 3,000,000, who produce 12 per cent. of the total Russian production.

COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY
ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA.FOURTEEN CONSPIRATORS
TO STAND TRIAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, Feb. 28.
Fourteen members of the socialist organisation, the "All Union Bureau of Central Committees of Mensheviks," will stand trial in the Supreme Court on March 1, charged with counter-revolutionary activities.
The organisation is alleged to have aimed at the restoration of the capitalist regime by means of "wrecking" activities and foreign intervention.
The indictment states that the All-Union Bureau was organised in central economic institutions and a number of counter-revolutionary cells were financed by Mensheviks abroad and the industrial party from funds subsidised by the German Social Democratic Party, the Second International, and the Paris Commercial Industrial Committee.
At the defendants are reported to have pleaded guilty.

EARL BIRKENHEAD'S WILL.

REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE
BEQUEATHED TO WIDOW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 27.
The late Earl Birkenhead's will shows gross estate of £263,223 and net personally £10,450.
Probate has been granted to the widow, to whom all real and personal estate is bequeathed also.

A London telegram of February 10 stated that Mr. Winston Churchill, who was one of the late Earl Birkenhead's closest friends, had organized a fund to assist the Earl's relatives, who were insufficiently provided for, although he had made a considerable income from books, journalism and directorships towards the close of his life. A number of distinguished people had subscribed to the fund.

BRITISH CIVIL SERVANTS'
BONUS.MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
SUSPENDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 26.
Mr. W. J. Brown, the Labour Left-Winger, who is Secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association, and who has been suffering with pleurisy, left his sick-bed today to attend the House of Commons in order to question Mr. Snowden as regards the "cut" in the bonus to civil servants, coming into operation on March 1.
He was dissatisfied with Mr. Snowden's reply that he was simply carrying out the agreement.
Mr. Brown pressed for a debate in spite of the warnings of the Speaker and was named for disobeying the rulings of the Chair.
Finally, Mr. Snowden moved his suspension.

The Left-Wingers challenged the House to a division, and the House of Commons voted for a suspension of five days by 200 votes to 27.

TRADE DISPUTES
BILL.GOVERNMENT SUSTAINS
DEFEAT BY SIX VOTES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 26.
The House of Commons Standing Committee by 37 votes to 31 adopted the Liberal amendment to the Trade Disputes Bill, in which the Conservatives combined with the Liberals against the Government.

The amendment will have the effect of making most large strikes illegal.

It is generally considered that it will make the Bill worthless from the Government's point of view.
The Committee adjourned to allow the Government to consider whether or not to drop the Bill.
The rank and file of all three parties now regard the Trade Disputes Bill as dead, especially as the Trade Union Congress is about to advise the Government to drop it.

An attempt throughout the week to reach an agreement between the Liberals and the Government, failed, and if the Government thinks it worth while to proceed with the Bill, other drastic Liberal amendments, to which the Labour Party very strongly object, will be brought.

The Government can ask the House of Commons to reverse the Committee's decision when the Bill returns to the House for report, but it is improbable that sufficient Liberals would desert the Party to secure a reversal.

General Strike Declared Illegal.

By their amendment the Liberals succeeded in replacing the Government's definition of a general strike (which made sympathetic strikes possible) with a definition declaring illegal any strike which exposed the community to danger to health or safety by interfering with supplies and the distributing of essential foods, water, fuel, medical services, and other necessities of life.

Government Will Not Resign.

There is no question of the Government resigning as a result of its defeat.
Mr. MacDonald recently stated in a public speech that he would only resign if defeated on a direct vote of censure.

When the debate on the second reading of the Trade Disputes Bill was resumed in the House of Commons on January 29, Mr. Winston Churchill vigorously attacked it. He defended the Act of 1927 passed by the Conservative Government, which, he contended, (Continued at foot of next column.)

TERRIFIC HURRICANE
IN FIJI.TWO HUNDRED AND
THIRTY PERISH.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 26.
A message from Suva states that 230 persons perished during the hurricane in Fiji on Saturday.

Worst Gale in Islands' History.

Suva, Feb. 27.
Two hundred lives are reported to have been lost, and tremendous damage to stock, crops and buildings was caused by the terrific hurricane in the Lauitoka, Ba and Sigatoka Districts last week-end.
The hurricane is said to have been the worst in the islands' history.
The ravaged area was isolated until last evening, when an urgent appeal was received for food and medical supplies, which were promptly despatched.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER
DEAL.PAPERS SOLD TO SCRIPPS-
HOWARD SYNDICATE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 27.
The "World" newspapers, namely, the morning, evening and Sunday "Worlds," were sold this morning to the Scripps-Howard Syndicate.
The contract was signed by the three Pulitzer brothers and is effective immediately.

The deal followed a midnight ruling of the Courts that the will of the late Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the papers, did not prohibit their sale.
New York, Feb. 26.
Mr. Paul Block has withdrawn his offer of \$1,000,000 for the "World" newspapers.

The bidders now are the employees and the Scripps-Howard Syndicate.
still had the overwhelming approval of the mass of the nation. The proposed measure he described as a lead for the country, but for industry and not really in the best interests of the trade unions.
The Solicitor-General, Sir Stanford Crisp, said that the 1927 Act did much more than was necessary or wise in placing restrictions on trade union activity. The present Bill would provide ample safeguards against any usurpation of power of the unions. Winston Churchill vigorously attacked it. He defended the Act of 1927 passed by the Conservative Government, which, he contended, (Continued at foot of next column.)

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Sports News

PONIES TO BACK TO-DAY

BIG FIELDS ANTICIPATED FOR FIRST DAY OF RACE MEETING.

SOME SELECTIONS FOR PUNTERS: CANDIDATES' CHANCES DISCUSSED.

[By "MORNING DEW"]

To-day, all other local attractions will be overshadowed by the races at Happy Valley which will mark the opening of the five-day Annual Meeting. From every point of view the meeting will be a "bumper" and undoubtedly the attendance will be in the nature of a record.

Big fields should be the order of the day as the entries this year have been unusually heavy and I should be surprised if in any race the number of starters should come below ten.

As usual a number of jockeys from Shanghai have come here to help to make the Annual Meeting a thorough success. The principal races as a rule, fall to these visiting jockeys and it would be no surprise if they again account for all the principal events this year, since, practically all the best "entire" are at their disposal.

The starting gate will be used for the first time in Hong Kong to-day and while its introduction is welcomed on all sides, I expect it will lead to some upsets as a good many ponies are likely to shy at the gate. Moreover, some of the local jockeys do not seem to appreciate the value of thoroughly mastering the tricks and pranks that a pony is liable to play when brought up to the starting gate.

The track is in excellent condition; better than I have ever seen it during the last ten years, and if Jupiter Pluvius will only play the game and keep away during the meeting there is no reason why some existing records, good as they are, should not be lowered.

LEADING EVENTS TO-DAY.

There are several very interesting races on the card to-day. The Valley Stakes is one of them and it will no doubt attract all the best subs of this season. The field here ought to be big, as there are many ponies with a "sporting" chance. This race is discussed at length below. The Maiden Stakes is another race that should thrill those who understand local racing. On paper it looks as if the "Dunbar" contingent has a lien on the race, but this is not so in fact. That it will find plenty of opposition is my opinion. This race is also discussed below in detail.

The Sydney Maidens will show which is the best Australian sprinter. Here the chances are very even.

Diana Bay, at the moment is one of the favourites for the Champions and he will probably qualify by winning the Foochow Cup. Apollo and Hetman will have to fight out the China Stakes over five furlongs, where in all probability, the record will be lowered.

WHO WILL WIN THE VALLEY STAKES?

The Subscription Grifins will have three races to-day—The Wong Nei Chong Stakes, The Valley Stakes and the Tientsin Stakes. The first of these is an unimportant race and may fall to any moderately good pony. In a scramble over half a mile, sometimes the best pony does not win, and so, the Wong Nei Chong Stakes will be a double gamble. Mr. Ho Kom Tong has three moderately good subs in his stable and probably Summer Hill, the best of these will figure among the first three to finish. Sultury Eve, a game little customer of 13 hands, will probably also do well and Mr. Stanton's Vamoose, if sent out here might bear watching.

"Tit-bit" for Sub.

The tit-bit for subs to-day, however, is the Valley Stakes and, as I have said, there is bound to be a very large field. Tunney (Mr. Heard up) will probably be a big favourite and punters can be sure, if they back Tunney that they will get a good run for their money as Mr. Heard is a "dab" with subs. I daresay there will be a large number of backers on Azalea Leaf (Mr. Wong up) and these also will see a good exhibition by their candidates as Azalea Leaf is undoubtedly one of the best subs this season. Mr. Wong can be depended upon to get all there in out of Azalea Leaf in to-day's classic race for subs.

A pony I like very much and one which will be there all the way is Jan Stever belonging to Mr. Widdicombe. It will probably be taken out by that hard rider, Mr. Y. S. Chang, and is worth following. Jan Stever has also shown good training times and with the assistance of Mr. Chung should make the best of them step out. Scappit will probably start with Mr. da Rosa on the saddle and he should be backed each way. I don't know what the "Dunbar" stalls will be sending to the post in this race, but if you feel you want a fairly good outside bet, back this stable.

The Tientsin Stakes

The Tientsin Stakes which is the last race of the day, is also likely

to draw a good field, though I think much of the interest in this race will be robbed by the fact that subs of last season are allowed to race here. Tango, Bridge Hall and Tonbridge, the best of last season's subs will probably have it out in this race and I think that since Tonbridge has twice accounted for Bridge Hall and Tango over the mile and a quarter, there is no reason why he should not do so again. Bridge Hall is very fit at the moment, but a mile and a quarter has always been too long for him. Tango does not strike me as being in the best of condition, but I still think he is good enough for third place since the opposition here is not very strong.

Maiden Stakes.

The grifins have two interesting races to-day. The first of these is the Maiden Stakes and the second the Hopful Stakes. In the Maidens, I think every jockey in the Colony (barring novices) will have a mount. Mr. Dunbar will probably send out Fortune Bay and Champagne Bay here in charge of Messrs. Hill and Sokoloff. It is difficult to say which is the better animal but possibly Mr. Hill will choose what, in the stable's opinion, is the better candidate, so back this jockey. I rather fancy that Tiana and Sam Houston, will be kept for the Hopful Stakes but if they are sent out in the Maidens instead, watch them. I think, on the whole, that the race will fall to the Dunbar selected candidate, so keep your eyes on him.

Resides the "Dunbar" string, the best pony seems to be Ongayan but, as stated in another column, he has been with-drawn from the meeting. Valorous (Mr. Pote-Hunt up) is also going out here. I understand and he is a sound each way bet, as over three quarters of a mile, he is a very good candidate. Other outsiders to remember, if one is looking for a long shot is Suction (Mr. Wong up), King's Service or Edenbridge (Mr. da Rosa up). Leveret is a name worth remembering if you are looking for very long odds, as this pony has been shaping quite well in training.

The Hopful Stakes.

For the Hopful Stakes, the "Dunbar" contingent again stands out prominently and I think one or the other of their candidates should win. Here there is likely to be some opposition from Holly Leaf (Mr. Wong up) and Daylight Eve (Mr. Pote-Hunt up) both of which have been doing quite useful training gallops until recently. Several other good ponies which are likely to start here are Spy (Mr. Clark up) and Tom (Mr. Stanton up). The former has been quite a consistent performer up to the mile and Tom is one of the best grifins of the year for distance up to a mile.

Australian Ponies.

Australian ponies will have a very fine race in the Sydney Maidens, which is the fifth on the card to-day. Kilrea by reason of his excellent performances in training will certainly and quite rightly be made favourite. On his training performances, the pony should be able to walk away with the six furlongs race. Mr. Pote-Hunt, I hear, will be riding this animal and since all the good gallops during the period of preparation have been accomplished with Mr. Proulx in the saddle, there is no reason to feel shaky in backing Kilrea.

If anything is going to upset Kilrea at all—and the chances of this is remote—it will be either Wattle or Caulfield. The former has been in wonderful fettle for some weeks and has not been given any real hard work. Mr. Johnny Heard will take him out to-day and he may surprise the connections of Kilrea. Caulfield also, has not been sent out on any hard work, but the pony has shown a decided turn of speed over two furlongs and as he will be carrying a lighter weight owing to being a smaller pony, he might find the going to his liking.

Those looking for good outsiders can do worse than back Woodland Stag and The Bustard, two very good animals. The Raindrop and Pegasus might also turn out to be surprise packets, but the probability is very low.

Old Course Plate.

In the Old Course Plate which is the second race on to-day's card, there are three candidates with very strong claims, these being Royal Flush, Zorhan and Nationalist II. The last-named if ridden by Mr. Y. S. Chang should just about do the trick, although in this connection it is only fair to add that Royal Flush is in the pink of condition. The field is likely to be quite big and all the best jockeys will be engaged here. Majestic Hall to be ridden by Mr. Wong is fancied in some quarters, but the pony put up such an indifferent performance during the 1930 "Extra" season, that I fear he will not be a danger to the favourites.

The Foochow Cup, over a mile and a half, will prove, I am afraid, to be an exercise gallop for Diana Bay. It is quite likely that the time 3 minutes .07 seconds for this distance, established by Diana Bay last year will be further lowered. In the China Stakes Apollo and Hetman, will probably have an interesting duel. Apollo holds the Hong Kong record for this distance and is likely to win, although I am not forgetting that Hetman is in Apollo's class and has some very fine sprinting records behind him. Both stables are confident and while I prefer Apollo's chances, I would not like to say that Hetman is sure to be beaten.

THE SELECTIONS.

Below are given the selections for to-day:—

Race 1.

Vamoose.
Sultury Eve.
Summer Hill.

Race 2.

Nationalist II.
Royal Flush.
Zorhan.

Race 3.

Tiana.
Valorous.
Edenbridge.

Race 4.

Tunney.
Azalea Leaf.
Jan Stever.

Race 5.

Kilrea.
Wattle.
Caulfield.

Race 6.

Diana Bay.
Gay Crusader.
Vaylock.

Race 7.

Apollo.
Hetman.
Glencagies.

Race 8.

Fortune Bay.
Daylight Eve.
Spy or Holly Leaf.

Race 9.

Tonbridge.
Bridge Hall.
Tango.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

THREE IMPORTANT SENIOR GAMES.

SOUTH CHINA TRAVEL TO KOWLOON.

A number of First and Second Division League football matches are down for decision to-day with the leading teams all engaged in the struggle. South China are at the top of the Senior Division and a win for them will strengthen the chances of their securing the championship. The Navy, at the head of the Second Division, are nearing the end of their season, and they will be strongly challenged by the South Wales Borderers, who together with Eastern, are also in the race for junior honours.

Senior Games.

While South China have a good lead in the First Division with seven matches still to play, anything may happen to bring some of the others within striking distance of the championship as the season progresses. Argylls, Chinese Athletic and Kowloon are the teams still left with a chance, the last named making up a lot of lost ground with four consecutive victories. Kowloon will have a hard task this afternoon when they receive South China, and the latter should, on their present strength return with the points.

At the Stadium, the Athletic will oppose the Borderers. Both these teams have met with reverses in their return to the field after many weeks of inactivity. There should be little difference in the final score and the Borderers will do well if they can save a point. Club de Recreo, at King's Park, will be considerably weak in the absence of several good players. The Police, who are the visitors, will thus have confidence in gaining the points. At Sookunpoo, the Argylls and the Navy will fight for the points, which appear likely to go in the direction of the soldiers. The Club are at home to St. Joseph's and should carry the day.

Junior Games.

The earlier game at Sookunpoo is between the South Wales Borderers and the Navy. If the Navy obtain the points in this match, which seems likely, they will be virtual champions of the Second Division, as the Borderers would have to win four matches in succession, including the return game with the Navy, to tie in points.

Eastern are left with a chance of finishing in the second position. They are quite good for the points in the meeting with Club de Recreo, inside the racecourse. The Argylls have been having a sequence of eight victories and are likely to add another to the series when they meet the Club Reserves at Chatham Road.

The following is the full programme for the afternoon:—

Division I.

Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.
Recreo v. Police, King's Park.
Kowloon v. South China, Kowloon F.C. ground.
Athletic v. S.W. Borderers, Stadium.

Division II.

Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.
S.W. Borderers v. Navy, Sookunpoo.
Athletic v. St. Joseph's, Stadium.
South China v. R.A., Caroline Hill.
Argylls v. H.K.F.C., Chatham Road.

Kowloon v. University, Kowloon F.C. ground.
Kick-off at 2.15 p.m.
Eastern v. Recreo, St. Joseph's ground.

Probable Teams.

Kowloon—Penny, Martin and Downman; Hedley, McKelvie and Bliss; Pile, Simpson, Gillet, Grimwood and Jamson.
Club Reserves—Fogwill; Stoker and Hynes; Sloan, Punccheon and Hooper; Alexander, Bell, Strange, Jackson and Tavlin.
Kowloon Reserves—Angus; Guest and Eastman; Everett, Gilchrist, and Cameron; Williams, Whiting, Spary, Cotton and Bjekford.

CRICKET.

LEAGUE GAME CANCELLED

The league game (cricket) between the Varsity and XI, and the Police fixed to be played to-day, has been absolutely cancelled due to the inability of the Police to raise a team. The latter have therefore conceded the three full points.

WEEK-END SPORTS FIXTURES.

MATCHES AND PLAYERS AT A GLANCE.

The following sports fixtures have been arranged for to-day and to-morrow:—

RACING.

Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 1.30 p.m.

CRICKET.

League—Division I.: University Club, K.C.C. v. R.A.

Division II.: I.R.O. v. K.C.C.

Friendly: Recreo v. Police.

All the above matches are scheduled to start at 2 p.m. and will take place on the ground of the first-named Club.

The H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. will be represented by the following in their match with the Engineers:—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), R. H. Wild, C. E. Gahagan, P. W. L. Planner, L. B. Smith, E. J. Collins, E. C. Etherington, J. Chadwick, J. A. Hutchinson, J. A. Ashworth and S. J. Slansky.

HOCKEY.

Cueer Clark Cup: Kowloon Ladies v. D.G.S., St. Andrew's v. Hong Kong L.H.C.

The teams for the St. Andrew's v. Hong Kong Ladies, match which will take place at King's Park, kick-off 3 p.m., will be:—

R.H.L.H.C.: J. Smalley; E. Gray, B. V. Franklin; E. O'Hagan, R. M. Pope, M. L. Wallace; E. R. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. M. Donelan, C. M. Ferguson, M. Bishop.
St. Andrew's: R. Rose; I. Rogers, P. Woolley, I. Woolley, M. White, I. Gittins; A. Wood, N. Field, M. Woolley, P. Gittins, E. Landolt.
Men's Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. H.M.S. Tamar.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. "A" hockey team in the above match on R.N.O.S.C. ground at King's Park: Kick-off 4 p.m.:—Burton; Dormer, Tipples; Macoy, Allen, Bates; Parker, Smith, Ashton, Brown and A. N. Other.
Reserve: D. F. Kilby.
Sunday: Club Shamene, U.S.R.O. ground, 11 a.m.
The following will be the Club team:—G. Dupont, J. Rodger, A. R. Botelho, M. W. Turner, A. Dand, J. Noronha, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, R. W. Skipp, C. Francis, G. P. Lammeret.

INTER-VARSITY ATHLETICS.

LIST OF LINGNAM ENTRIES.

By kind permission of the committee of the South China Athletic Association, the Inter-University Athletic Meet will be held on their ground, Caroline Hill on Saturday and Monday, March 14 and 15, at 1.30 p.m. sharp.

The following entries have been received by the hon. secretary, of the University Athletic Club from the Lingnam University for the meet:—

Entries.

100 M.—Lau Tang, Philip Chue, Cheung Kun Sheng, Milton Goo.
200 M.—Lau Tang, Philip Chue, Cheung Kun Sheng, Lau Wan Chiu.
400 M.—Maak Kwok Chan, Ma Chiu Chong, Szeto Kwong, Leong King Ping.
800 M.—Wong Shue Pong, Ka Man Cheung, Maak Kwok Chan, Chan Keung.
1,500 M.—Wong Shue Pong, Ka Man Cheung, Charlie Leung.
10,000 M.—Ka Man Cheung, Wong Shue Pong.
Long Jump.—Szeto Kwong, Milton Goo, Philip Chue, Cheung Chung Kung.
High Jump.—Leung King Ping, Cheung Wing Yau, Au Wan Yan, Ma Chiu Chong.
H.S. & Jumps.—Szeto Kwong, Cheung Chung Kung, Leong King Ping.
Pole Jump.—Au Wan Yan, Lo Kwong Ye, Leung King Ping.
Shot Put.—Milton Goo, Wong Chue Kwong, Kwong Ying Ming.
Disc.—Kwong Ying Ming, To Shue Chong, Wong Shue Pong.
Javelin.—Lai Lu Kau, Szeto Kwong, Milton Goo, Kwong Ying Ming.
Low Hurdles.—Lau Wan Chiu, Lo Koon Yee, Leung King Ping (Ret).
Low Hurdles.—Leung King Ping, Lau Shuen Ming, Lau Wan Chiu (Ret).
400 M. Relay.—Lau Tang, Milton Goo, Philip Chue, Cheung Kun Sheng.
800 M. Relay.—Lau Wan Chiu, Lau Tang, Philip Chue, Cheung Kun Sheng, Leung King Ping (Ret).
1,000 M. Relay.—Maak Kwok Chan, Leung King Ping, Ma Chiu Chong, Szeto Kwong, Lau Wan Chiu (Ret).

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Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931. [350]

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

28th FEBRUARY.

2nd, 3rd, 4th & 7th MARCH, 1931.

ON SATURDAY, 28th FEB., the First Race will be run at 1.30 P.M., and on all other Days at 11.30 A.M. On the First Day the First Race will be Run at 1 P.M. and on the other Four Days at 11 A.M.

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Members are reminded that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day, including Tax, or \$40, including Tax, for the Meeting (Ladies \$5 and \$20, respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all claims, etc.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

THE TIFIN INTERVAL on the Last Four Days will be taken after the Fifth Race on Each Day.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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NOTICE.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1931. [318]

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MR. TAM WOON TONG'S
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SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S
INTEREST IN THE PROJECT.

Hong Kong is to have one thing that it badly needs, a new Po Leung Kuk, for young women who have got themselves into difficulties. The present one, in the Western District, is not very satisfactory, and is, we understand, no more than a clearing station. Thanks, however, to the efforts of the new Chairman of the Institute, Mr. Tam Woon Tong, a site has been obtained, \$130,000 has already been raised for the new building, and H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, is to be asked to lay the foundation stone.

How the Money Was Raised.
Mr. Tam Woon Tong, as soon as he had taken over the chairmanship of the Po Leung Kuk, sent an application to the Government applying for a site for a new building and, as a result, over 80,000 square feet in Leighton Hill Road have been granted by the Government. Mr. Tam took charge of the Po Leung Kuk April last, and after two months hard search he found the new site in Leighton Hill Road. His application to the Government went in on June 13, and was granted on October 29 confirmation being received in a telegram from the Secretary of State on February 12 this year.

The building is estimated to cost \$100,000, and it was proposed that the Directors for the current year should raise half of the sum required, and the balance should be secured by their successors for the next term. But Mr. Tam and his colleagues, having succeeded in raising from a number of wealthy merchants subscriptions to a total of \$60,000, made a second appeal and up to yesterday a further sum of \$70,000, making a total of \$130,000 had been promised. Of the subscriptions secured by Mr. Tam personally \$30,000 was given by Sir Robert Ho Tung, \$10,000 by Madam Lam Fuk Chi, and \$20,000 by a European philanthropist, who promised the money on condition that Mr. Tam succeeded in raising subscriptions up to \$100,000.

The photos of these three gentlemen will hang in the hall of the institute so that the young women will realise to whose beneficence they owe their clinic to make good and become respectable members of society.

It is proposed that H.E. Sir William Peel, the Governor, be requested to lay the foundation stone of the institute on a day to be selected, between the 15th and the 20th March.

ARMED ROBBERY.

DEFENDANTS COMMITTED
FOR TRIAL.

The hearing was resumed yesterday, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, of the case in which three Chinese are charged with having committed an armed robbery on February 9, at 20, Cheung On Street, having been armed at the time with three knives, and with having stolen jewellery to the value of \$100. Two other Chinese are charged with receiving the stolen articles.

Detective Inspector Fallon, giving evidence, stated that about 10 p.m. on February 10, he, together with Sub-Inspector Elton, a party of police, and first witness (one of the complainants), on information received, went to a house in Lockhart Road. Fourth defendant was lying on a bed in the cock-loft and a wrist watch, the property of Li Yuk Sim (a complainant) was found hanging on a wall. Inspector Elton also discovered some pawn tickets. Witness then went to Wanchai Police Station and returned about 11 p.m. that night, and found second and third defendants had been arrested. About 9 p.m. on February 11, witness went with a party of police to 72, Hollywood Road. In the front cubicle was found first and fifth defendants; the latter being the mother of the former.

The fifth defendant put her hand into her pocket and took out a pawn ticket, which related to the stolen goods, and threw it to the first defendant saying, "This is yours; I give it back to you." First defendant replied, "It is mine; a friend gave it to me." After statements of the first five defendants had been read out, the Magistrate committed the first four defendants to the high detention, saying that there was no case established by the prosecution against her.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

DEFINITE PROGRESS MADE.
BRITISH DOUBLES DEBACLE.

With the conclusion of yesterday's heavy programme of matches, definite progress has now been made in the Open Championship events organised by the Hong Kong Cricket Club. In the Open Singles, all the first and most of the second round ties have been decided, so that for the last 32 places, only a few remain to be filled, while in the Open Doubles the position is slightly more advanced. There will be a break for the Annual race next week, but competition is scheduled to be resumed on Thursday, when a great attraction will be provided by the meeting of T. Honda and H. D. Runjahn in the Open Singles. Thereafter the Tournament will assume a more serious aspect.

The most significant phase of yesterday's results was the disappointing performance of the British pairs in the Open Doubles, no less than four being eliminated. Armstrong and Marton unexpectedly lost to Tsui Wai Put and Ip Kai Ko, despite a stern attempt in the second set to pull the match out of the fire, while Evans and Holmes failed against A. H. Runjahn and A. H. Madar after winning the first set. The latter now meet Owen Hughes and Humphreys.

In the same event, Noronha and Da Rocha, one of the two Portuguese pairs taking part, delighted their supporters by beating Nash and Nicholson, thus qualifying to meet Ho Wai King and Lu Tak Lam, who yesterday beat Wong and Chan So.

Yesterday's matches resulted as follows:

Open Singles.
SECOND ROUND.
H. N. Chau beat J. M. Morhans 6-1, 6-4.
F. H. Kwok beat A. D. Humphreys 6-1, 6-0.
D. J. Valentine beat Capt. E. C. Etherington 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

Open Doubles.
Tsui Wai Put and Ip Kai Ko beat Armstrong and Marton 6-3, 6-7, 8-6.
Noronha and Da Rocha beat Nash and Nicholson 6-4, 8-6.
A. H. Runjahn and A. H. Madar beat D. B. Evans and C. E. Holmes 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Luk Kang Cheung and Luk Ding Cheung beat Prophet and Forsyth 6-2, 6-2.

Ho Wai King and Lu Tak Lam beat Chan So and Wong 6-3, 6-3.

Club Championship.
H. Owen Hughes beat J. D. Ainger 6-4, 6-2.

LOCAL RACING SENSATION.

PROMINENT "GRIFFIN" WITHDRAWN.

CAGAYAN SAID TO BE AUSTRALIAN.

Racegoers will no doubt be sorry to learn that they will not be able to see Cagayan in action, either to-day or at any time during the Annual Race Meeting.

The owner of the pony withdrew it from all races when he was informed by the Hong Kong Jockey Club that according to a telegram received from Shanghai from the Pony Inspection Appeal Committee, a brown mare, answering the description of Cagayan, was imported into Shanghai from Australia in 1927. It was previously named Hylar Girl which was later changed to Lady Urala.

No one can be more disappointed than the owner of Cagayan, Mr. A. A. B. Botelho, who, it is needless to add, had no idea whatever that Cagayan was not a China pony. Cagayan's progress during the training season marked him as a very likely candidate for the Derby honours, but now that he is withdrawn, Mr. Botelho's colours will probably be taken to the post by Mindoro.

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Subject to audit, the General Managers of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. report that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31 is \$183,034.48 which with \$159,122.98 brought forward from the previous year makes a total of \$342,157.47 available for appropriation.

The Directors will, at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders, recommend the following distribution:

To pay a dividend of 75 cents per share, amounting to \$150,000.00
To place to credit of Typhoon and Flood Account 5,000.00
To write off factory buildings at Ma-tau-kok 100,000.00
To write off plant and machinery 17,157.47
To carry forward to credit of next year's account 70,000.00
Total \$342,157.47

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH CUP MATCHES.

LAST ROUND BEFORE THE SEMI-FINAL TO-DAY.

Birmingham and Chelsea were in the ordinary course due to meet in the English League to-day, but they are instead playing in the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup Competition. Chelsea, after their successful progress up to this stage, look like entering the semi-final. Sunderland is the only other First Division team left in the struggle, and they meet weak opposition in Exeter. Everton and the Wolves will probably qualify to enter the semi-final on the result of the other two matches.

In Scotland four pairs of teams will take part in the Scottish Cup matches. Celtic, St. Mirren, Motherwell and Kilmarnock are likely to enter the semi-final draw.

The following is the programme of Cup and League matches:-

ENGLISH CUP.

Sixth Round.
Sunderland v. Exeter.
West Brom. v. Wolves.
Everton v. Southampton.
Birmingham v. Chelsea.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Fourth Round.
Celtic v. Aberdeen.
Third Lanark v. St. Mirren.
Cowdenbeath v. Motherwell.
Bo'ness v. Kilmarnock.

Division I.
Aston Villa v. Leicester.
Bolton v. Blackburn.
Grimsby v. Manchester C.
Liverpool v. Blackpool.
Manchester U. v. Portsmouth.
Middlesbrough v. Leeds U.
Newcastle v. Derby.
Wednesday v. Arsenal.
West Ham v. Arsenal.

Division II.
Bradford v. Bradford O.
Burnley v. Plymouth.
Millwall v. Barnsley.
Notts Forest v. Cardiff.
Oldham v. Bristol C.
Preston N.E. v. Bury.
Southampton v. Swansea.
Stoke v. Charlton.

Division III. (Southern).
Brentford v. Walsall.
Brighton v. Thames.
Bristol R. v. Bournemouth.
Crystal P. v. Coventry.
Gillingham v. Notts C.
Luton v. Swindon.
Newport v. Watford.
Northampton v. Queen's P.R.
Southend v. Fulham.
Torquay v. Norwich.

Division III. (Northern).
Accrington v. Nelson.
Barrow v. Hartlepool.
Carlisle v. Gateshead.
Chesterfield v. Nelson.
Crewe v. Halifax.
Rochdale v. Darlington.
Rotherham v. Hull.
Tranmere v. Stockport.
Wrexham v. New Brighton.
York v. Doncaster.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Airdrie v. Leith.
East Fife v. Hibernians.
Hamilton v. Rangers.
Hornsea v. Ayr.
Morton v. Clyde.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.00 a.m. F. H. Crapnell and H. Spicer.
9.04 " W. S. Hillier and Capt. Summerfield.
9.08 " H. Hampton and J. Whyte.
9.16 " Not to be booked by those travelling on 8.24 a.m. train.
9.20 " W. C. Clark and W. A. Weight.
9.24 " J. G. Campbell and D. S. Edward.
9.28 " A. H. Penn and J. R. Hinton.
9.32 " G. F. Hole and C. P. Ross.
9.36 " L. G. S. Dodwell and A. Raworth.
9.40 " D. L. King and J. W. Alabaster.
9.44 " C. H. Burton and T. C. Monaghan.
9.48 " A. N. Macfadyen and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.52 " J. P. Sherry and P. Sykes.
9.56 " E. Des Vaux and E. D. Matthews.
10.00 " J. S. Dykes and A. O. Brown.
10.04 " G. W. Sewell and R. R. Remington.
10.08 " K. K. Rounds and R. Sanger.
10.12 " R. S. W. Paterson and G. W. Pope.
10.16 " E. J. Dowley and J. J. French.
10.24 " W. C. Shields D. J. Gilmore.
10.28 " H. Lowe and H. P. Bailey.
10.32 " C. Mycock and Dr. Dovey.
10.36 " H. C. Shrubsole and D. Keogh.
10.40 " C. H. M. Andrew and A. J. R. Wolff.
10.44 " R. W. Taplin and P. S. Grant.
10.52 " L. Yates and J. Coulthart.
10.56 " J. R. Mason and H. U. Ireland.
11.04 " W. J. Clerk and D. Forbes.
11.08 " A. C. I. Bowker and W. Simmons.
11.12 " J. Thayer and R. A. Stuart.
11.16 " K. R. Williams and S. O. Helham.
11.20 " G. B. Lane and C. M. Roberts.
11.24 " A. H. Purves and F. A. Redmond.
11.28 " F. M. Hartley and N. C. B. C. Barber.
11.32 " O. Eager and A. D. Humphreys.
11.36 " G. T. May and N. S. Ellis.
11.40 " A. H. Ferguson and L. R. Andrews.
11.44 " H. T. Buxton and E. P. Fletcher.
11.52 " J. Hanksin and A. C. Meredith.

KID FRANCIS WINS BOXING TITLE.

UNOFFICIAL FEATHER-WEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

New York-Kid Francis of Italy to-night won the unofficial featherweight championship of the world when, in ten rounds of fast and interesting fighting, he gained a decision over Eddie Shea, before a large crowd in the Madison Square Garden.

The Italian boxer fought with skill and proved to be the aggressor throughout the bout. He out-pointed Shea, a dangerous brawler, with but little difficulty.

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RUM-RUNNERS USE
POISON-GAS.TWO AMERICAN COASTGUARD
MEN GASED.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 27.

Poison-gas appeared for the first time in the history of the long struggle between the rum-runners and coastguard men.

Two of the coastguard men are suffering to-day from the effects of toxic vapours, which they are convinced were shot at them in the course of half-an-hour's chase.

The quarry was eventually beached on Staten Island, and the smugglers poured petrol on the vessel's deck and set fire to it and then escaped across the island.

SUBMARINE EXPLORATION
IN THE ARCTIC.SATISFACTORY TEST OF
CRAFT'S "EYES."

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 28.

The "eyes" of the submarine in which Sir Hubert Wilkins will explore the Arctic Ocean in an endeavour to reach the Pole under the sea, have been tested and found satisfactory.

They are made up of 7,000 watt lamps of special glass, capable of throwing a beam of almost 100 miles in the air, although their radius under water is scarcely 100 feet.

Two will be mounted on the prow to enable the crew of the submarine to see the tongues extending from the surface ice. Another will be a movable connection for the use of divers.

Sir Hubert Wilkins expects that the glow of the lamps will attract marine life to the side of the submarine, such as seals, bears and walrus, besides fish.

U.S. SOLDIERS' BONUS
BILL.VETOED BY PRESIDENT
HOOVER.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Washington, Feb. 26.

President Hoover, as was expected, has vetoed the Soldiers' Bonus Bill, which throws a huge burden on the resources of the Government, requiring heavy loan negotiations in the next two years.

In view of the huge majorities by which the Bill was passed in the House of Representatives and the Senate, however, the Representative majority has decided to sustain the measure.

The Senate is expected to do likewise and thus override the Presidential veto.

NAVAL SENSATION IN U.S.

DEFECTS DISCOVERED IN
NEW CRUISERS.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 26.

Something of a sensation has been created by statements published in the *New York Times* to-day declaring that the recent naval manoeuvres in the neighbourhood of the Panama Canal have revealed serious weaknesses in the new 10,000-ton cruisers built for the U.S. Navy.

According to the *Times* report, these cruisers proved unsteady as regards the gun-platforms, due to the excessive vibration of their powerful engines and heavy rolling at high speed.

Some of the experts also consider that their thinly-armoured decks and sides make them extremely vulnerable to attack from the air.

The *Times*, however, in drawing attention to their high speed, expresses the opinion that they would prove a great menace to hostile commerce raiders, whose flying-decks they would be able to wreck at long range.

Thus, if properly spaced far from the coast, they would keep off naval bombers from the most vulnerable cities along America's seaboard.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
INVESTITURE.

MR. T. J. HARRINGTON, C.M.G.

At Government House yesterday, His Excellency the Governor on behalf of H.M. the King presented to Mr. T. J. Harrington, British Consul-General at Manila, the insignia of a C.M.G.

Mr. Harrington was supported by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., Consul-General at Canton. Members of the Executive Council and a few personal friends were present at the ceremony.

STRAIGHT TALK BEST.

BRITISH ECONOMIC MISSION ENTERTAIN LOCAL
MERCHANTS AT PENINSULA HOTEL.

SIR ERNEST THOMPSON'S ADDRESS.

The members of the British Economic Mission were hosts yesterday to a large number of European and Chinese merchants at the Peninsula Hotel when the mission gave a farewell dinner.

In the course of his speech Sir Ernest Thompson, the Chairman of the Mission, took the opportunity to thank the two Chambers of Commerce in Hong Kong for their help and co-operation. He also thanked the members of his mission for their unfailing devotion to their work.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Colonial Secretary, and the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce, also addressed the gathering.

"A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH."

SIR E. THOMPSON'S
SPEECH.

Sir Ernest Thompson said:—My first pleasant duty to-night on behalf of our Mission is to extend our hearty thanks to all of you in Hong Kong for the kindness and courtesy which you have shown to us during our visit.

Also, I wish to thank very specially the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce for all the preparatory work that they did on behalf of the Mission and all the invaluable assistance they have given to us.

I greatly regret that the Secretary, Mr. Key, is not here to-night, and I hope that he will soon recover from his illness.

I also wish to thank all the merchants and others in Hong Kong, especially the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and the dealers, for the assistance they have been to us.

We are proud of the work which has been done here by our countrymen in building up so great a seaport, so beautiful a city from what is described in the guidebook as having once been a "stronghold for bold bandits."

We have been, three months in China studying the problem set up in our terms of reference—investigating into the position here of British trade and reporting how our trade with China can be increased.

"Shall We Do Any Good?"

I said the other evening at the dinner of the British Chamber of Commerce that one question before us is, "shall we do any good?"

Well, that rests more with others than with us, but my hope and belief is that our people at home will, if they find our recommendations sound, make great efforts and sacrifices to carry them out.

We are stirred by the figures published two days ago regarding the decline of British trade in piece goods to Hong Kong. But we are not dismayed.

The British people will rise to the country's need—of that there is no doubt whatever.

British ships are still the admiration of the world—an admiration fully merited. To keep them used and moving on the face of the waters, they must be filled with goods and produce of British effort at home and overseas.

Serious Position.

In this you here in this out-post of Great Britain can play your part. Let us, therefore, put forth every effort to increase and strengthen her international trade.

There are many world circumstances which might be said to point to a return to an improved commercial position, but one of the causes checking this is no doubt the monetary position about which there are so many views that I do not dare to express one.

The position is so serious that it must receive at once careful attention so that a proper solution can be found.

This is the last opportunity I shall have to speak as Chairman of this Mission, and so I should like to state my appreciation of the untiring services of my fellow members of the Mission.

I think them for their assistance in a common task, and for their goodwill and friendship throughout these past six months.

The way in which they have combined to solve the problems before the Mission has filled me with admiration.

We have every reason to believe that improvement in our trade will take place, and we are definitely looking forward to a return of better times at home, here and in China.

We are still one of the world's greatest manufacturing nations, and the goods of Great Britain are still amongst the things of this world which are well worth having.

We are going to show that the historic courage and energy of Great Britain are still forces to be reckoned with. (Applause.)

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax: Before I reply to the toast of the guests, I should like to state that I have been asked by His Excellency the Governor to convey the following message:—

"I regret my inability to attend the dinner kindly given by the Economic Mission but I wish on behalf of the Government of Hong Kong to say that it welcomes most sincerely the Members on the occasion of their visit to the Colony and I earnestly hope that success will crown their efforts. The world wide trade depression has naturally had its repercussions on the Far East and doubtless the Mission has had moments of pessimism but I am convinced that the personal contact which has been made by the Mission with the British and Chinese merchants and officials in Hong Kong and China cannot but be productive of mutual good. Great Britain and China have long traded together and each appreciates the commercial integrity of the other. Such a visit as this must necessarily, in my opinion, strengthen the mutual regard which has existed for so many years. Now that there is reason to hope that peace in China is in sight the future is brighter and there is every reason for confidence that the further development of that great country will move quickly, carrying with it a great revival and extension of trade. Such a revival must also necessarily bring in its train benefits to this Colony between which and China most friendly and cordial relations are maintained."

Mr. Hallifax, continuing his speech said:—"I feel too that the economic Mission is here at a moment even more opportune than they themselves knew when they left England. There has been some straight talk at home which should make it easier for straight talk from the Mission to have its full effect; and the signs and portents in China show that there is no time to waste if we are to seize the opportunity that may now occur at any time."

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Ho thought they had discovered one outstanding thing, namely, that nothing but the fibre and character that had made the British people could maintain them as British people. (Applause.)

He thought they had also discovered during the course of their journey that pure individualistic effort which once served did so no longer. Unorganised British industry could no longer succeed in a world which, in one way or another, was becoming highly organised.

Sir Thomas continued:—"We have heard it said that others have done things we have neglected to do, and that others have done things we are incapable of doing but I will not, as a Britisher, admit that for one moment. (Applause.)

"The Britisher Job."

Any task that has yet been within the capacity of man to undertake, and any task that is yet within the reach of human achievement is the Britisher's job. I would like it to be understood that it is not all neglect of circumstances that has brought us to the position we are now in. The war took us out of competition and gave certain other nationalities their chance. While we were busy making the world safe for humanity, others were busy in capturing our markets. (While we were paying our debts on the one hand and forgiving our creditors on the other, tariff doors have been slammed in our face, making our goods dearer in the world's markets than they otherwise would have been.) (Applause.)

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Can you show me any people in all the history of the world who have made a greater contribution to the world's sanity than the British race has done?

It was necessary to do, then, that could assure them that they would be crowned with success. (Applause.)

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WONG SHIU HUNG.

DEPARTS FROM CANTON
FOR HONG KONG.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, Feb. 27.

General Wong Shiu Hung and his colleagues left Canton for Hong Kong yesterday morning by the s.s. Fintshan after they had been in conference with General Chen Ming Shau and other members of the Canton Government, in connection with the restoration of peace in Kwangsi.

The Kwangsi General said that he wanted to meet General Chan Tai Tong, who is expected to arrive in Hong Kong from Nanking to-day by the s.s. President Cleveland.

The Canton Military Headquarters dispatched the gunboat Chungshan to Hong Kong, yesterday to escort General Chan Tai Tong and his staff to Canton.

In an interview with local Pressmen just prior to his departure for Hong Kong, General Wong Shiu Hung said that his conference with General Chen Ming Shau, Mr. Koo Ying Fun, and Admiral Chan Chak came up to expectation. Everything was highly satisfactory, there being nothing of importance which could not be agreed upon.

Continuing, General Wong said that he expected to stay in Hong Kong for about a fortnight. It was most unlikely that he would resume his new duties at Nanning until the middle of next month. Meanwhile, he is sending Mr. Liu King Tsai, a relative of the late General Liu Woon Im, who was assassinated in Canton during the latter part of last year, to Nanning in conference with Chang Fui Yui, Li Chung Jen and Bei Chung Hsi in connection with the agreements arrived at during his conference with the high officials of the Canton Government.

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HONG KONG SHARE
MARKET.BENJAMIN & POTTS'
WEEKLY REPORT.Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, in
their weekly report, state:—

The February Settlement was satisfactorily negotiated on the 24th instant and there appears to be a little more enquiry in evidence in the local market, but the volume of business has not shown any material expansion over the week. Though there have been improvements here and there, rates on the whole have not shown much fluctuation.

Banks.—With a recovery in Exchange, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks showed some weakness at the outset and sales were made down to \$2,150, but at the time of writing there are buyers at \$2,150 owing to the lower Exchange. The latest London quotation to hand is \$2,107.10 (Middle). Bank of East Asia have advanced to \$116 ex the dividend of \$8 just paid.

Marine and Fire Insurance.—Unions were dealt in at \$635/500 and have further enquiries at the close at \$640. China Fire have moved up to \$535. Business was recorded in Cantons and Hong Kong Fire at \$1,305. Underwriters have buyers at \$5.55 after transactions at this rate.

Shipping.—Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamships changed hands early in the week at \$251/200, the market closing with sellers at \$264. Douglas Steamships are on offer at \$285. "Shell" Transports have receded to 72/6. Waterboats are unchanged.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves are slightly higher and were taken off the market at \$172 and \$173. Whampoa Docks continue in request at \$301. China Providents have fluctuated between \$5.39 and \$5.40, while there are buyers of the new shares at \$2.45. Shanghai Docks have continued their advance and can be placed at \$11.10. New Engineering are wanted at \$15. \$1. Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong Kong Lands have shown little variation and sales were again recorded at \$85. Humphreys Estates are in demand at \$161 ex the dividend of 80 cents just paid. Long Kong and Shanghai Hotels saw quite a fair business around \$13/13. The Directors have decided to issue the balance of the shares constituting the Company's unissued capital viz., 200,000 new shares at par to shareholders in the proportion of one new share for each complete four old shares held. Transactions were effected in Penitents at \$0.70. Shanghai Lands are still in keen request at \$1.302.

Public Utilities.—Hong Kong Electricities remain steady with sales reported at \$80 and \$80. China Lights have varied between \$24.85 and \$25. "Star" Electric were lowered during the week to \$99. Hong Kong Trams have suddenly come into prominence and a strong demand for the shares has raised the price to \$18.10 at which figure they were placed. Telephone (fully paid) continue to find supporters at \$42, while the partly paid shares were done at \$29.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements (Combined) have reacted a bit further and were booked at \$16.70 and \$16.75. Hong Kong Ry., on the announcement of a favourable dividend of 75 cents per share have moved up to \$14.40. Watsons have been the medium of a fair turnover at gradually hardening rates up to \$131 and \$132. Dairy Farms (Old) were dealt in at \$20/20. China Entertainments have further appreciated to \$15.30. Sales were again reported of Hong Kong Government Loan at 7 per cent. premium.

Mining.—Kallens have receded to 30/3d. Venezuela Goldfields show a small advance and were negotiated at \$3.70. Benguet are to be had at \$101. Raube at \$401 have not moved.

Cotton Mills.—A steady rise took place of all Cotton shares early in the week until Tuesday, when probably owing to profit taking and a slight decline in the price of the raw material, an easier tendency prevailed. Exors were bid up to \$15.10. Shanghai Cottons touched \$15.10 and \$15.10. Zong Singa \$13.13, but subsequently slipped back to \$13.13, \$13.13 and \$13.13 respectively. The market has since recovered and buyers are now offering \$15.10 for Exors, while Shanghai Cottons and Zong Singa are wanted at \$13.13 and \$13.13 respectively, following an improved yarn position in the North.

Rubbers.—Plantation rubber in London is quoted at 24d. per lb. and the following are the latest cable advices received for Shanghai:—

	Buyers.
Anglo-Javas	\$4.90
Anglo-Dutch	2.50
Bata Atanas	2.50
Chenier	2.50
Consolidated	1.40
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FAKED ROBBERY
SUGGESTED.POLICE WITHDRAW FROM
CASE.

Following a report of an armed robbery on February 16, in a house in Jervois Street, the police went to the scene where they found a man with his hands and feet bound with wires and a handkerchief around his neck, which appeared to have slipped down after being used as a gag.

As a result of their inquiries, however, the police felt satisfied that the story of a robbery was only a fake and accordingly the man, who was supposed to have been bound up by the robbers, was charged. He is believed to have been responsible for the loss attributed to the armed robbers.

The police, however, applied for the case to be withdrawn yesterday. Detective-Inspector Shannon, in making the application at Central Magistracy yesterday, said:—"Although there is a considerable amount of evidence to show that he actually had taken the money, there is not sufficient evidence to prove conclusively that he had happened to be in the house at the time. I am accordingly instructed by the Inspector-General of Police to withdraw the charge, as it would be a waste of your Worship's time to go into the evidence. There is an element of doubt which we cannot get over."

Defendant was discharged.

DISPUTE OVER 'BUS
BRAKES.OFFENCE DENIED BY TRAM-
WAY CO.

Mr. Bellamy, the manager of the Hong Kong Tramways, Limited, which firm operates the Kai Tak motor-buses in Kowloon, was summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton for allowing one of the Company's vehicles to be on the road without being fitted with two efficient and independent brakes.

The driver of the bus was also summoned for driving the vehicle which had faulty brakes.

Mr. O. E. C. Martin appeared for Mr. Bellamy and intimated that he was denying the summons, the hearing of which would probably take some time, as he would be calling four witnesses.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Martin said that his witnesses would dispute the evidence of Sergeant Serin who had tested the brakes. The vehicle had been subsequently tested by European engineers, who would be called.

The hearing was adjourned.

CANTON RIDE.

HONG KONG AND MACAO TO
BE REPRESENTED.

[Wah Tai Yat Pao.]

Canton, Feb. 27.

The jockeys in Canton have been for the last two weeks or more busy practicing for the ride which takes place in Shekpi on the newly-constructed racecourse on Sunday morning.

The promoters of the ride, General Chen Ming Shiu, General Au Yang Kuei, and others, have of late been giving a great deal of publicity to the matter. Huge strips of white cloth announcing the ride are suspended from telephone poles in the principal thoroughfares to attract the attention of the public.

Outpost riders who have been invited to take part in the ride are expected to be in Canton by to-morrow with their ponies. Both Macao and Hong Kong will be represented.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Buyers.
Paris	123.95
New York	4.85
Brussels	34.84
Geneva	25.21
Amsterdam	12.11
Milan	92.78
Berlin	20.44
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.15
Oslo	18.15
Vienna	34.50
Prague	184
Helsingfors	103
Madrid	47.05
Lisbon	102.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	43/16
Buenos Aires	37
Montevideo	35
Bombay	1/5
Shanghai	1/2
Hong Kong	1/2
Yokohama	2/13/39
Silver (spot)	12/7/10
Silver (forward)	12/8

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,
Hong Kong.
March 1, 1931, 2nd Sunday in Lent:—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church) at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m. Administration of Confirmation at 11 a.m.
Proctor.—The Bishop of Victoria Evening at 8 p.m.
Lecture 8 p.m. at 6.30 p.m.
Speaker: Rev. H. V. Hoop.
Subject:—"Are We Living and Dying Christians?"
Discussion in Cathedral Hall after the Lecture.

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.
(Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.)
MACDONNELL ROAD, BELOW BOWEN ROAD TRAM STATION.
SUNDAY SERVICE, March 1, 1931, at 11.15 a.m.:

Subject:—Christ Jesus
The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
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HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	.. "KUNGHOW"	On 24th Feb.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	.. "SUNNING"	On 1st Mar.	9 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY, SWATOW, HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	.. "ANTUNG"	On 2nd Mar.	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI & DALNY	.. "KWANGTUNG"	On 2nd Mar.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	.. "SINKIANG"	On 3rd Mar.	9 a.m.
HONGKONG & BANOKOK	.. "KIANGSU"	On 3rd Mar.	Noon
SHANGHAI	.. "KANCHOW"	On 3rd Mar.	5 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	.. "TSINAN"	On 4th Mar.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	.. "SOOCHOW"	On 8th Mar.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANOKOK	.. "KAYING"	On 8th Mar.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY, SWATOW & S'PORE	.. "ANHUI"	On 9th Mar.	3 p.m.
S'PORE, NEWCHOW & DALNY	.. "TEAN"	On 9th Mar.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, FOCHOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	.. "HIOHROW"	On 10th Mar.	6 a.m.
HONGKONG & BANOKOK	.. "KWEIYANG"	On 11th Mar.	Noon
AMOI & SHANGHAI	.. "TAIYUAN"	On 11th Mar.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	.. "KUNGHOW"	On 13th Mar.	8 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	.. "KINGYUAN"	On 13th Mar.	Noon

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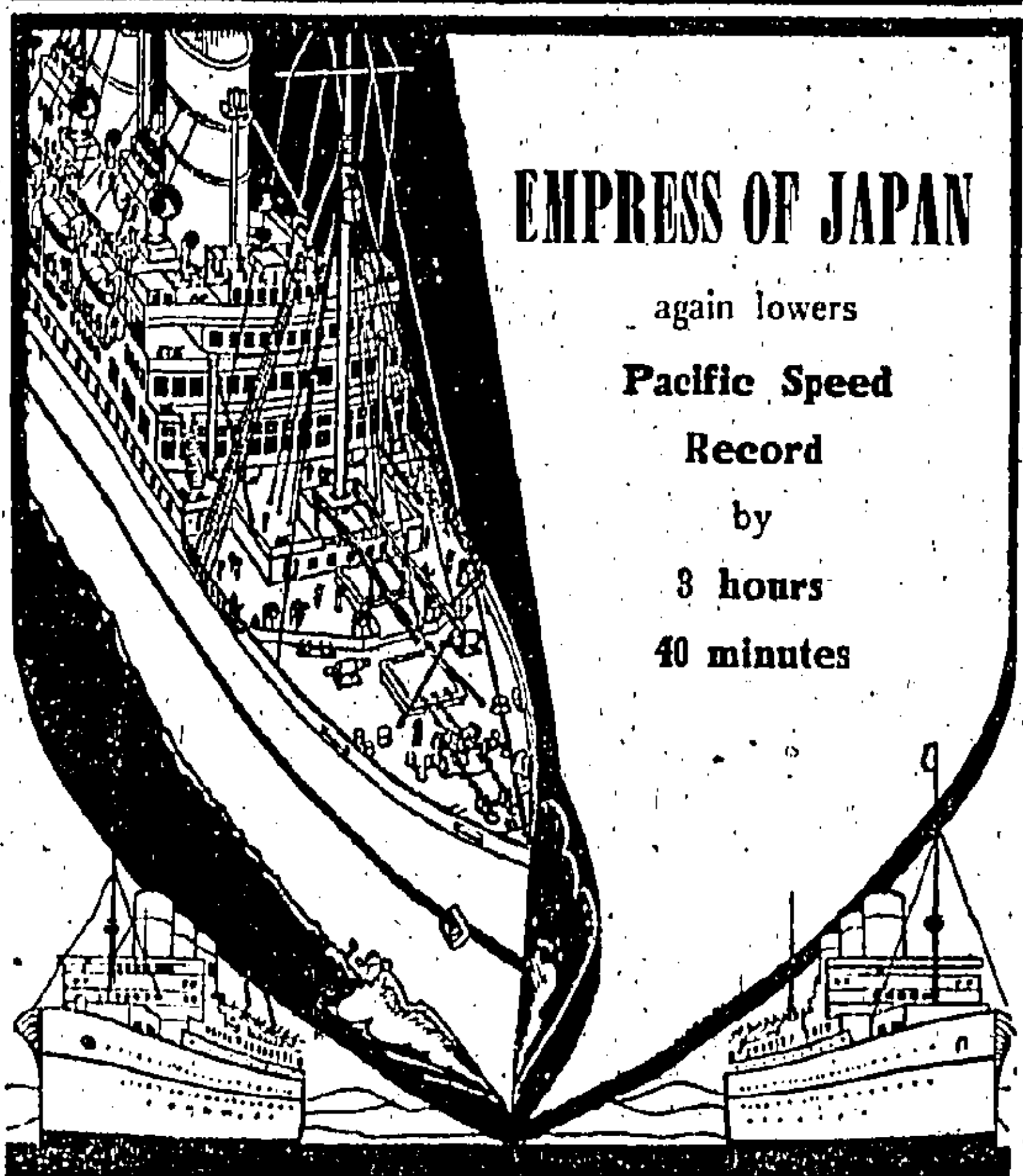
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FEBRUARY 26, 1931.												FEBRUARY 27, 1931.											
STATION	Hour from Sunrise or Twilight	BAROMETER at Sea Level		TEMPERATURE	WIND DIRECTION	WIND FORCE	WIND SPEED (Knots)	WIND SPEED (Miles Per Hour)	Hour from Sunrise or Twilight	BAROMETER at Sea Level	TEMPERATURE	WIND DIRECTION	WIND FORCE	WIND SPEED (Knots)	WIND SPEED (Miles Per Hour)								
		Inches	Milli- meters																				
Wladivostok	12	30.00	762.0	28	NE	3	0	c	5	30.23	767.8	5	...	...	...	0	0						
Nemuro	11	30.06	763.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	762.0	...	ENE	...	...	2	5						
Hakodate	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	WNW	...	...	1	...						
Tokyo	...	30.08	764.0	...	SSE	1	0	...	...	30.03	763.5	...	WSW	...	...	1	...						
Kochi	...	30.14	765.5	...	NNW	1	0	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	NNW	...	...	1	...						
Nagasaki	...	30.12	765.0	...	ESE	1	...	...	...	30.20	767.0	...	NW	...	...	1	...						
Kagoshima	...	30.14	765.5	...	NNE	1	...	...	...	30.18	766.5	...	N	...	...	1	...						
Oshima	...	30.12	765.0	...	NNE	1	...	...	...	30.12	765.0	...	NNE	...	...	1	...						
Naha	...	30.00	762.0	...	NNE	2	2	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	NNE	...	...	1	...						
Ishigakijima	...	30.06	763.5	...	N	2	...	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	NNE	...	...	1	...						
Bonin Island	...	30.12	765.0	...	SE	1	...	...	...	29.98	761.5	...	N	...	...	1	...						
Chefoo	15	30.21	767.3	40	ENE	2	b	b	6	30.12	766.0	30	E	...	...	2	2						
Shanghai	14	30.25	770.7	50	N	4	b	b	6	30.35	770.9	31	E	...	...	2	2						
Gutzlaff	...	30.42	772.6	46	N	4	b	b	6	30.44	773.2	32	...	...	...	2	2						
Wenchow	...	30.28	768.6	47	NE	4	b	c	6	30.34	770.5	41	...	...	...	2	2						
Foochow	...	30.18	765.0	56	E	4	b	c	6	30.22	767.7	47	...	...	...	2	2						
Amoy	...	30.09	764.3	62	ENE	2	o	o	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Swatow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Taihou	11	30.17	768.4	59	...	0	r	b	5	30.16	766.1	56	E	...	...	2	2						
Taipei	...	30.12	765.1	65	NNW	2	b	c	...	30.10	764.4	58	...	...	...	2	2						
Tainan	...	30.04	768.0	70	N	2	2	b	...	30.06	768.3	58	NNE	...	...	2	2						
Koshun	...	30.05	769.3	77	NNW	2	2	b	...	30.04	768.8	59	NE	...	...	2	2						
Pescadores	...	30.15	766.7	59	NNW	4	4	o	...	30.10	764.6	59	NNE	...	...	2	2						
Hong Kong	14	30.07	768.9	63	SE	4	4	o	...	30.12	765.0	58	...	...	...	2	2						
Gap Rock	...	30.08	764.0	63	ENE	4	4	o	...	30.12	765.0	58	ENE	...	...	2	2						
Macao	...	30.06	764.4	61	ENE	4	4	o	...	30.09	763.9	58	NE	...	...	2	2						
Hoibow	...	30.12	765.0	63	NE	4	4	o	...	30.09	764.3	61	...	...	...	2	2						
Pratas Island	...	30.03	762.5	74	...	4	4	o	...	30.08	763.9	68	E	...	...	2	2						
Philian	...	30.07	768.7	67	6 SSE	2	6	...	7	30.09	764.2	59	NE	...	...	2	2						
Tourane	...	30.26	761.1	70	6 NW	2	6	...	...	30.02	762.4	67	ENE	...	...	2	2						
Oape St. James	...	30.27	758.8	83	6 ENE	2	b	b	...	29.93	760.3	77	4 NW	...	...	2	2						
Basco	...	29.95	760.7	79	8 NE	4	b	b	6	29.98	761.5	76	4 ENE	...	...	2	2						
Apurri	...	29.91	759.8	83	4 NE	4	b	b	...	30.02	762.4	72	6 NE	...	...	2	2						
Tuguegarao	...	29.87	758.6	91	6	0	b	b	...	29.94	761.5	78	4 NE	...	...	2	2						
Vigan	...	29.88	768.9	86	2 NW	4	b	b	...	29.91	759.6	72	6 SE	...	...	2	2						
Manila	...	29.84	758.9	91	2 SW	2	b	b	...	29.95	760.0	70	4 SE	...	...	2	2						
Legaspi	...	29.80	769.3	91	8 NE	4	b	b	...	29.91	759.8	78	6 NE	...	...	2	2						
Calbayog	...	29.88	759.0	86	8 N	4	b	b	...	29.93	760.1	76	6 N	...	...	2	2						
Tacloban	...	29.83	759.0	88	6 NE	4	b	b	...	29.93	760.2	76	6 NE	...	...	2	2						
Iloilo	...	29.90	759.4	88	8 NE	4	b	b	...	29.93	760.2	76	6 NE	...	...	2	2						
Cebu	...	29.85	758.2	86	8 NE	4	b	b	...	29.91	759.4	76	6	...	...	2	2						
Surigao	...	29.87	758.8	81	6	0	o	o	...	29.89	759.8	76	6	...	...	2	2						
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Guam	12.22	29.88	758.9	...	6 NE	4	o	4.22	5	29.89	758.3	...	6 ENE	...	...	2	2						
Yap	11.00	29.87	758.8	...	6 ENE	4	c	5	...	29.89	763.8	...	...	...	...	2	2						
Pelou	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Iabuan	14	29.83	767.4	86	N	2	b	6	...	29.83	767.7	78	...	NE	...	2	2						

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IMPORTS 17,400 TONS;
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The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

British	Cargo for Through H.K. Ports.
Chengtu, Swatow 1,286	45
Kueichow, Tongku 1,381	126
Kiungchow, Canton —	300
Malwa, Shanghai 40	1,700
Lyceon, Swatow —	1,337
Rawalpindi, Singapore 1,187	1,020
Laganbank, Manila 830	2,760

Corato, Badikpapa 7,150 —

American Golden River, Takao 2,112 4,843

Everett, Shanghai 216 269

Japanese Chojun Maru, Chetoo 1,783 —

Tokio Maru, Shanghai 1,404 6,894

Total 17,427 19,300

Thursday's imports 9,200 tons and exports 18,000 tons.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	2	2
Japanese	2	5
Chinese	0	3
Dutch	0	1
Norwegian	0	1
Total	12	20

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following vessels were in port yesterday:—

Wharves:—Kowloon: Malwa, Tihwa, Rawalpindi, Tokio Maru; A. P. C.—Takoketui; Lustreous; O.S.K.: Canton Maru; Douglas; Laganbank; Haining.

Docks:—Kowloon: Susansan II, Cheongshing, Kimsang, Hongkong, Chipping, Wishing, Tin Yat; Tai-koo: Huichow, Sunning, Tsinan, Shantung, Linan, Emp. of Canada, Anchow.

Buoys:—At Tandu, At Tisuvon, A5 Sing Kee, A6 Tandu, A9 An-king, A10 Kinsing, All Everett, A16 Tai Poo Sek, B1 Kwonggang, B3 Chengtu, B9 Chihua, B4 Kwangtung, B15 Kueichow, B17 Graciosa, B18 Haining, B20 Kiungchow, B23 Lyceon, B26 Tihwa, C1 Taikyuu Maru, C2 Naitangata, C3 Hirado, C6 Halvard.

ARRIVALS.

February 26.

Tokio Maru, Japanese str., 1,280 tons, Capt. M. Itani, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

February 27.

Chengtu, British str., 1,339 tons, Capt. W. L. Thompson, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S. Emp. of Russia, British str., 2,789 tons, Capt. A. J. Hoskin, from Manila, Kowloon Dock.—C.P.S.

Everett, American str., 3,271 tons, Capt. K. O. Dryer, from Shanghai, buoy No. A11.—States S.S. Co.

Kiungchow, British str., 1,845 tons, Capt. W. J. Larier, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Kueichow, British str., 1,930 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Tientsin, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Malwa, British str., 5,079 tons, Captain P. O. Britter, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. & Co.

Pres. Cleveland, American str., 3,393 tons, Capt. G. W. Yardley, from Seattle, Washington via Japan, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Ronan Maru, Japanese str., 1,550 tons, Capt. R. Fukuhara, from Dairen, Yamsui Anchorage.—D.K.K.

Taiyuu Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. H. Fujii, from Bangkok, Yamsui Anchorage.—Wada Jimusho & Co.

Takada, British str., 4,222 tons, Captain J. Linden, from Amoy, Kowloon Wharf.—M. & Co.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Yokohama on Wednesday at 1 p.m., left on Wednesday at 3 p.m., is due at Vancouver on March 7, and leaves on March 14.

CLEARANCES.

February 27.

Chengtu, for Canton.
Chihua, for Bangkok.
Everett, for Manila.
Haining, for Swatow.
Haining, for Swatow.
Kiungchow, for Hoihow.
Kwangtung, for Canton.
Laganbank, for Shanghai.
Lyceon, for Singapore.
Malwa, for Singapore.
Tandu, for Amoy.
Tihwa, for Amoy.
Tisuvon, for Dairen.
Tokio Maru, for Singapore.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR.
The following warships were in port yesterday:—
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North Wall.—Suffolk.
South Wall.—Bridgewater, Sir-dar, Taranulda.
East Wall.—Herald, Troquois.
West Wall.—Kent, Petersfield.
Dock.—Sterling, Oswald, Ostris.
Buoy No. 1.—Hornev.
Buoy No. 2.—Medway, Odin, Otus.
Buoy No. 4.—Marazion.
Buoy No. 7.—Cicula.
Buoy No. 8.—Bruce.
Buoy No. 10.—Sepoy.
Buoy No. 11.—Seraph.
Buoy No. 12.—Seraph, Thracian.
Buoy No. 13.—Sandwich.
Foreign Man of War.—Chinese gunboat Chung Shan.

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"ALFORD"	5,272	3rd Mar.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHIVA"	5,256	14th Mar. (Mars.)	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHYBER"	1,114	14th Mar. (Mars.)	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"SOMALI"	—	21st Mar. (Mars.)	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"RAWALPINDI"	10,618	28th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	10,668	25th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"SOUDAN"	9,144	28th Apr. (Mars.)	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm & A'warp.
"KALYAN"	10,144	28th Apr. (Mars.)	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm & A'warp.
"COMORIN"	10,132	28th Apr. (Mars.)	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm & A'warp.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	6th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm & A'warp.
"RANPURA"	10,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	4th July	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm & A'warp.
"RAWALPINDI"	10,618	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KHYBER"	5,272	1st Aug.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dm & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	10,668	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"CATHAY"	10,132	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"NADDERA"	10,088	10th Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	24th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
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"TALMA"	10,000	12th Apr.	do.
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"SANTHA"	7,764	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
"KARMALA"	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
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"RAJPUTANA"	10,668	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLORE"	6,953	8th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
"TAKADA"	8,948	10th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,000	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"COMORIN"	10,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	8th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	12th May	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
"RANPURA"	10,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	6th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	10,618	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	5,272	3rd July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLORE"	6,953	6th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	10,668	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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